

Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Rodham Clinton speaks to supporters in Concord, N.H. Clinton vowed to keep American troops out of Syria in a sweeping foreign policy address, saying she would resist sending forces to fight Islamic militants even if there's another terrorist attack within the US. (AP Photo/Jim Cole) Page 3

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## House votes to curb refugees, snubbing Obama's veto threat

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Associated Press

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — The House ignored a veto threat by President Barack Obama on Thursday and overwhelmingly approved Republican legislation erecting fresh hurdles for Syrian and Iraqi refugees trying to enter the United States, a stinging rebuke to the president by Republicans and his fellow Democrats. Forty-seven Democrats joined all but two Republicans as the House passed the measure by a veto-proof 289-137 margin, a major setback to the president on an issue — the Islamic State group and the refugees fleeing it — that shows no signs of easing. The vote exceeded the two-thirds majority required to override a veto, and came despite a rushed, early morning visit to the Capitol by senior administration officials in a futile attempt to limit Democratic defections.

Thursday's roll call came six days after a burst of bombings and shootings in Paris killed 129 people, wounded many more and revived post-Sept. 11 jitters in the U.S. and Europe. The attacks have turned the question of admitting people fleeing war-torn Syria and Iraq into a high-stakes political issue in both the United States and Europe, and many congressional Democrats were willing to vote against Obama for fear of angering voters nervous about security at home.

Democrats opposing the Republican bill said the U.S. has no business abandoning its age-old values, including being a safe haven for people fleeing countries racked by violence. The Islamic State has claimed responsibility for the Paris attacks and controls vast swathes of Syria and Iraq, despite a growing military campaign against them by the U.S. and other nations.

"Defeating terrorism should not mean slamming the door in the faces of those fleeing the terrorists. We might as well take down the Statue of Liberty," said Rep. Jerrold Nadler, a Democrat.

Republicans said that in dangerous times, the government must first protect its own.

"It is against the values of our nation and the values of a free society to give terrorists the opening they are looking for" by not tightening entry restrictions, said House Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy, a Republican.

The 47 Democrats who backed the bill, largely moderates and lawmakers facing potentially tough re-elections, were joined by 242 Republicans. Voting no were 135 Democrats and two Republicans.

Before Thursday's House vote, the White House sent chief of staff Denis McDonough and Homeland Security Secretary Jeh Johnson to Congress to try winning over Democrats. Democratic aides said Rep. Sean Patrick Maloney, D-New York, had a forceful exchange with Johnson, saying that opposition to the bill would be a terrible vote for Democrats that could cost them seats in next year's elections. With the House's 246 Republicans ready to solidly support the legislation, the administration was eager to keep the final tally for the bill below the two-thirds margin required to override a veto. In a sign of the conflicting political undercurrents confronting Democrats, senior House Democrats said they did not push rank-and-file lawmakers to oppose the bill. "I've said to them from the start, 'Nobody's asked you to do anything. Do whatever works for you, for your district,'" House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, a Democrat who opposed the legislation, told journalists. □

## Clinton: US must push Arab leaders to confront Islamic State threat

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Associated Press

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Hillary Rodham Clinton vowed to keep American troops out of Syria in a sweeping

mistake," she said, noting her support for sending in more U.S. special forces, empowering U.S. trainers in Iraq and the use of an air coalition in the region. "Right now we need to

veto and came despite White House officials lobbying members of their party to oppose the proposal. While Clinton said she largely backed President Barack Obama's efforts to



Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Rodham Clinton speaks at the Council on Foreign Relations in New York, Thursday, Nov. 19, 2015. Clinton and Bernie Sanders are outlining the steps on Thursday they would take to combat the Islamic State group, each making major speeches less than a week after the deadly attacks in Paris.

(AP Photo/Seth Wenig)

foreign policy address, saying she would resist sending forces to fight Islamic militants even if there's another terrorist attack within the U.S.

Offering a detailed assessment of the conflict in Syria, the 2016 Democratic presidential front-runner said America must lead the effort to fight Islamic State militants but called on Arab nations to supply much of the military force on the ground. Her remarks also drew a striking contrast with many of her Republican opponents who have advocated for a large-scale military mobilization.

During a question-and-answer session with CNN's Fareed Zakaria in New York, the former secretary of state was asked if the pressure to send in U.S. ground troops to Syria would be "unstoppable" if another terrorist attack occurred in the U.S.

"It would certainly grow but I think it would be a

keep the pressure on the people on the ground and get them to change their priorities and work together."

Speaking just before her primary rival Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders was set to address the conflict, Clinton urged Americans to overcome partisan battles and rise above personal fear to combat the threat of jihadism across the globe.

"Turning away orphans, applying a religious test, discriminating against Muslims, slamming the door on every Syrian refugee, that is just not who we are. We are better than that," she said.

But hours later, the House ignored a veto threat from President Barack Obama and approved a Republican bill mandating fresh barriers for Syrian and Iraqi refugees trying to enter the country.

The bill passed 289-13, with enough Democratic support to override a potential

combat Islamic militants, she broke with the administration's focus on ousting Syrian President Bashar Assad — a position that's stood in the way of greater military cooperation between the U.S. and Russia. Clinton reiterated her support for a no-fly zone over the northern region of the country — a position opposed by Obama — saying it would help with conditions on the ground and pressure Assad to reach a political settlement in peace talks being brokered by Secretary of State John Kerry.

"Right now we have one overriding goal as I outlined we need to crush their territorial domain," she said. "We have to prioritize."

Republicans have sought to link Clinton to the unpopular foreign policy of Obama, casting her as continuing his strategy in the region. His critics have said he underestimated the threat posed by Islamic State militants. □





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## Bipartisan push in Senate for war powers after Paris attack

**DEB RIECHMANN**

**Associated Press**

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — The Paris attacks have given new impetus to a bipartisan push for U.S. legislators to approve new war powers to fight Islamic State militants, with Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Rodham Clinton on Thursday joining Republican and Democratic lawmakers in calling for what would be the first war vote in Congress in 13 years. It's unclear whether the push will be fruitful, as many lawmakers remain reluctant to vote on legislation giving President Barack Obama new authority to fight IS. House Speaker Paul Ryan, a Republican, says the White House already has the legal authorization it needs to combat the extremists. To fight IS, Obama has been relying on congressional authorizations given to President George W. Bush for the war on al-Qaida and the invasion of Iraq. Critics say the White House's use of post-9/11 congressional authorizations is a legal stretch at best. And they note that the battle has grown exponentially.

In a speech in New York, Clinton urged Congress to pass an updated authorization to use military force against the militants.

"Congress should swiftly pass an updated authorization to use military force," Clinton said. "That will send a message to friend and foe alike that the United States is committed to this fight. The time for delay is over. We should get this done." On Wednesday, Sen. Lindsey Graham, who is running for the Republican presidential nomination, said he plans to introduce, after the Thanksgiving holiday recess, a new Authorization for the Use of Military Force, or AUMF, against IS militants responsible for last week's bombings that killed 129 in Paris.

Graham's legislation would not put any time or geographic restraints on the U.S. military or intelligence services' bat-

tle against IS, authorizing the U.S. to take the fight anywhere for as long as necessary. The bill would allow the deployment of U.S. ground troops to fight IS. It also would not restrict the United States in working to disrupt the militants' recruiting efforts, propaganda and communications.

"We must allow this president and every future president to do whatever is necessary to destroy IS before they hit us here at home," Graham said. "This authorization will mirror the approach we took against al-Qaida after 9/11."

Earlier this week, Sen. Tim Kaine, a Democrat, and Sen. Jeff Flake, a Republican, spoke on the Senate floor to call for a new AUMF in the wake of attacks in Paris and in Beirut. On Nov. 12, two powerful suicide bombings tore through a crowded Shiite neighborhood of Beirut, killing 43 people and wounding more than 200 others. IS claimed responsibility.

Flake argued that the campaign to destroy IS warrants its own specific authorization because of its size and the growing role of the U.S. military in combating the group.

In June, Flake and Kaine introduced a bill authorizing the president to use U.S. Special Forces for three years against IS and associated persons or forces. Their bill said that the use of "significant U.S. ground troops in combat" against IS cannot be used except to protect the lives of U.S. citizens from imminent threat.

Obama, traveling overseas, ridiculed Congress for failing to come up with legislation authorizing the use of military force in Syria that he has been seeking for months.

In February, the administration proposed a three-year authorization to fight IS, unrestricted by national borders. The fight could be extended to any "closely related successor entity" to the IS extremists, but the measure did not authorize large-scale ground operations. □



Republican presidential candidate, Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C. speaks in Orlando, Fla. The Paris attacks have given new impetus to a bipartisan push to approve new war powers to fight Islamic State militants. Graham said Nov. 18, that he plans to introduce, after the Thanksgiving recess, a new Authorization for the Use of Military Force, or AUMF, against IS militants responsible for last week's bombings that killed 129 in Paris.

(AP Photo/John Raoux)



# Ex-pitchman Fogle gets more than 15 years in prison



Former pitchman Jared Fogle arrives at the federal courthouse in Indianapolis, Thursday, Nov. 19, 2015. Fogle is due to formally plead guilty and be sentenced on charges of trading child pornography and paying for sex with minors. (AP Photo/Michael Conroy)

**RICK CALLAHAN**  
**Associated Press**

**INDIANAPOLIS (AP)** — Former pitchman Jared Fogle was sentenced to more than 15 years in prison on Thursday for trading in child pornography and having sex with underage prostitutes, with the judge describing his “perversion and lawlessness” as “extreme.” Judge Tanya Walton Pratt

disregarded prosecutors’ recommendation that Fogle get 12½ years behind bars, opting for a stiffer term of 15 years and eight months in prison. She could have sentenced him to up to 50 years. In explaining her sentence, the federal judge noted how fortunate Fogle was to land his lucrative deal to be the face of a major

franchise after he lost more than 200 pounds in college, partly by eating the chain’s sandwiches. “What a gift, to have such a professional windfall fall in your lap,” she said. But Pratt said Fogle blew the chance he’d been given by living a double life and pointed out that the crimes he committed weren’t victimless.

“The level of perversion and lawlessness exhibited by Mr. Fogle is extreme,” Pratt said, who also ordered Fogle to submit to a lifetime of post-prison supervision and pay a \$175,000 fine. She recommended that Fogle receive sex offender treatment in prison and said she’ll recommend he serve his time at a federal lockup in Littleton, Colorado, that specializes in such treatment. Fogle didn’t show any visible reaction when he heard his sentence, but some family members who were in the courtroom began crying and hugging each other after judge ordered Fogle taken into custody. Before he was sentenced, the 38-year-old father of two addressed

the court, apologizing to his victims and his family and vowing to be a better person. “I so regret that I let so many of you down,” he told the court. “I want to redeem my life. I want to become a good, decent person. I want to rebuild my life,” he said. Fogle pleaded guilty to one count each of travelling to engage in illicit sexual conduct with a minor and distribution and receipt of child pornography, as per a deal he struck with prosecutors in August, a month after his suburban Indianapolis home was raided. Fogle’s lawyers called John Bradford, a professor of forensic psychiatry at the University of Ottawa in Canada, to testify at Thursday’s hearing. □

## Prosecutors: Arrested Secret Service man sexted other girls

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**WILMINGTON, Delaware (AP)** — A Secret Service officer charged with trying to solicit sex from an undercover agent he thought was a 14-year-old girl also had online sex chats with actual young girls and had a small arsenal of weapons at his home, federal prosecutors asserted Thursday in court filings. They said a preliminary investigation indicates that Lee Robert Moore, who was arrested in an online sex sting has had online contact with two young girls. Moore, who worked as a uniformed officer at the White House, surrendered to police Nov. 9 after being placed on administrative leave a week earlier. He faces federal and state charges.

“We are investigating that further,” prosecutor Ed McAndrew said after a Thursday hearing. He added that the investigation could uncover similar contact with still more young girls. “Simply put, defendant sought to use mobile technology to sexually exploit multiple minor, teenage girls from one of the most secure places on the planet. He did so while in the presence of other highly trained law enforcement officers and just yards from the President of the United States, his family, and senior administration officials he was then protecting,” prosecutors wrote. Judge Sherry Fallon agreed to postpone until Dec. 2 a detention hearing on the government’s motion that Moore, 37, remain in pretrial custody. Moore’s

public defender, Eleni Koussoulis, told Fallon that the defense will submit papers by Nov. 30 arguing that Moore should be released into the custody of his wife and parents, with certain conditions. Prosecutors submitted court papers raising concerns about Moore’s alleged contact with young girls, as well as a small arsenal of weapons at his home, including military-style, assault-type rifles, many of them loaded and unsecured. According to the prosecution’s court filing, which includes photos he sent to detectives, Moore admitted in a recorded interview that he had online sexual chats with several young girls, initially saying “it could be four, it could be thirty,” before asserting that number was closer to 10. □

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# Study finds more Mexicans leaving the US than coming



In this 2010 photo, men look for a place to sleep in a crowded shelter for migrants deported from the United States, in the border city of Nogales, Mexico. More Mexicans are leaving the United States than coming to the country, marking a reversal to one of the most significant immigration trends in U.S. history, according to a study published Thursday, Nov. 19, 2015.

(AP Photo/Gregory Bull)

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**Associated Press**

**SAN DIEGO (AP)** — More Mexicans are leaving than moving into the United States, reversing the flow of a half-century of mass migration, according to a study published Thursday. The Pew Research Center found that slightly more than 1 million Mexicans and their families, including American-born children, left the U.S. for Mexico from

2009 to 2014. During the same five years, 870,000 Mexicans came to the U.S., resulting in a net flow to Mexico of 140,000. The desire to reunite families is the main reason more Mexicans are moving south than north, Pew found. The sluggish U.S. economic recovery and tougher border enforcement are other key factors. The era of mass migration from Mexico is "at an end,"

declared Mark Hugo Lopez, Pew's director of Hispanic research. The finding follows a Pew study in 2012 that found net migration between the two countries was near zero, so this represents a turning point in one of the largest mass migrations in U.S. history. More than 16 million Mexicans moved to the United States from 1965 to 2015, more than from any other country.

"This is something that we've seen coming," Lopez said. "It's been almost 10 years that migration from Mexico has really slowed down."

The findings counter the narrative of an out-of-control border that has figured prominently in U.S. presidential campaigns, with Republican Donald Trump calling for Mexico pay for a fence to run the entire length of the 1,954-mile frontier. Pew said there were 11.7 million Mexicans living in the U.S. last year, down from a peak of 12.8 million in 2007. That includes 5.6 million living in the U.S. illegally, down from 6.9 million in 2007.

In another first, the Border Patrol arrested more non-Mexicans than Mexicans in the 2014 fiscal year, as more Central Americans came to the U.S., mostly through South Texas, and many of them turned themselves in to authorities.

The authors analyzed U.S. and Mexican census data and a 2014 survey by Mexico's National Institute of Statistics and Geography. The Mexican questionnaire asked about residential history, and found that 61 percent of those who reported living in the U.S. in

2009 but were back in Mexico last year had returned to join or start a family. An additional 14 percent had been deported, and 6 percent said they returned for jobs in Mexico.

Dowell Myers, a public policy professor at the University of Southern California, said it's lack of jobs in the U.S. — not family ties — that is mostly motivating Mexicans to leave. Construction is a huge draw for young immigrants, but has yet to approach the levels of last decade's housing boom, he said.

"It's not like all of a sudden they decided they missed their mothers," Myers said. "The fact is, our recovery from the Great Recession has been miserable. It's been miserable for everyone." Also, Mexico's population is aging, meaning there's less competition for young people looking for work. That's a big change from the 1990s, when many people entering the workforce felt they had no choice but to migrate north of the border, Myers said. While the U.S. economic recovery is sluggish, Mexico has been free in recent years from the economic tailspins that drove earlier generations north in the 1980s and 1990s. □

## US bank offering debit card for American travelers to Cuba

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**POMPANO, FLA/HAVANA (AP)** — American travelers who've had to carry wads of cash while visiting Cuba will now have a debit card option. Stonegate Bank of Pompano, Florida, announced Thursday it is offering a debit MasterCard that U.S. travelers will be able to use at hotels, restaurants and

other sites in Cuba. The card will not work at any of the island's ATMs, though the bank said it hopes to make that service available in 2016. "This is the first step in relieving the burden of U.S. travelers carrying cash when traveling to Cuba and another step in normalizing commercial relations between the two countries," Stonegate president and

CEO Dave Seleski said. MasterCard announced in January it would begin handling U.S. card transactions in Cuba, but most credit-card issuers still prohibited transactions on the island, making the move largely symbolic. Presidents Barack Obama and Raul Castro announced plans to restore relations between the former Cold War foes nearly

a year ago. The U.S. lifted a ban on U.S. banks and credit card companies from doing business in Cuba as part of the normalization. The number of U.S. travelers to the island surged by more than 50 percent in the first six months of 2015, according to statistics compiled by the University of Havana. U.S. tourism to Cuba is still prohibited,

though Americans can travel under one of 12 authorized categories including humanitarian, religious and professional purposes. New charter flights are now offered to the island from cities including New York and New Orleans, though travel to Cuba is still filled with inconveniences, not least among them being unable to use credit cards. □



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# Applications for US jobless aid fall to low level of 271,000



Military veteran Mark Cannon, of Miami, right, talks with Cynthia Carcillo about employment opportunities at a job fair for veterans, in Pembroke Pines, Fla. The Labor Department reported Thursday, Nov. 19, 2015, that fewer Americans sought unemployment aid a week earlier, fresh evidence that companies are confident enough in the economy to hold onto their workers. (AP Photo/Lynne Sladky)

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**WASHINGTON (AP)** — The Labor Department reported Thursday that fewer Americans sought unemployment aid last week, fresh evidence that companies are confident enough in the economy to hold onto their workers.

**THE NUMBERS:** Weekly applications for jobless benefits dropped 5,000 last week to a seasonally adjusted 271,000. The four-week average, a less volatile measure, increased 3,000 to 270,750.

The number of people that are receiving benefits was mostly unchanged, at 2.18 million.

**KEY DRIVERS:** Businesses appear to have been mostly

unfazed by a weaker economy in the July-September quarter, when growth slowed to just 1.5 percent at an annual pace. They haven't responded by cutting more jobs.

**BIG PICTURE:** Hiring is typically healthy when applications are so low. Employers added 271,000 jobs in October, the largest monthly gain this year. The unemployment rate fell to 5 percent from 5.1 percent in the previous month.

There have also been signs that average pay is finally picking up after roughly six years of sluggish growth. Average hourly wages rose 2.5 percent in October from a year earlier, the largest annual gain since 2009. Still, that remains below the

3.5 percent pace that is typical in a healthy economy.

October's job gain came after two months of tepid hiring in August and September. Yet employers have added an average of 206,000 jobs a month this year. That's enough to lower the unemployment rate over time.

**ANALYST'S VIEW:** "Firms are holding onto employees" perhaps in part because they worry that replacing people will be difficult, said Ian Shepherdson, chief economist at Pantheon Macroeconomics.

**THE TAKEAWAY:** Applications are a proxy for layoffs, so the low level suggests companies are cutting few jobs. □

## Average U.S. rate on a 30-year mortgage dips to 3.97 percent

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Average long-term U.S. mortgage rates edged slightly lower this week after two straight weeks of sharp increases. Expectations persist that the Federal Reserve may soon raise its key short-term interest rate.

Mortgage giant Freddie Mac said Thursday the average rate on a 30-year fixed-rate mortgage slipped to 3.97 percent from 3.98 percent a week earlier. The key 30-year rate was close to its level of a year ago, 3.99 percent. The rate on 15-year fixed-rate mortgages declined to 3.18 percent from 3.20 percent.

While it kept the key rate at a record low near zero, the Fed recently signaled the possibility that a rate hike could come at its next meeting in December. Fed officials believed last month that the economic conditions needed to trigger the first interest rate hike in nearly a decade could "well be met" by that

time, minutes of their October discussions released Wednesday showed.

The yield on the 10-year Treasury bond, which mortgage rates have been tracking, dropped to 2.27 percent Wednesday from 2.34 percent a week earlier. The decline followed recent weeks of soaring yields on U.S. government bonds, which move in the opposite direction of the bonds' prices. The yield was at 2.24 percent Thursday morning.

To calculate average mortgage rates, Freddie Mac surveys lenders across the country at the beginning of each week. The average doesn't include extra fees, known as points, which most borrowers must pay to get the lowest rates. One point equals 1 percent of the loan amount. The average fee for a 30-year mortgage was unchanged from last week at 0.6 point. The fee for a 15-year loan declined to 0.5 point from 0.6 point. □

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# Officials: Suspected Paris mastermind, cousin died in raid

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Associated Press

**PARIS (AP)** — The Belgian extremist suspected of masterminding the deadly attacks in Paris died along with his cousin when police stormed a suburban apartment building, French officials said Thursday, a day after the chaotic, bloody raid.

Police found Abdelhamid Abaaoud's body Wednesday in the apartment building in Saint-Denis, but it took some time to identify the 27-year-old using his fingerprints. It was not clear how he died.

Officials believed Abaaoud was in Syria and it's not clear how he ended up near Paris. Interior Minister Bernard Cazeneuve said France did not know before Friday's deadly attacks that Abaaoud was in Europe.

A country outside of Europe tipped off Paris on Monday that Abaaoud had been spotted in Greece, Cazeneuve said, but he did not say when exactly Abaaoud was believed to have been there.



Police officers stand guard at a road block where a fence reads "All our hearts are with the Police" and "I Love France", in Saint-Denis, near Paris, Thursday, Nov. 19, 2015. The Belgian extremist suspected of masterminding the deadly attacks in Paris died along with his cousin when police stormed a suburban apartment building, French officials said Thursday.

(AP Photo/Peter Dejong)

He had bragged in the Islamic State's English-language magazine, that he was able to slip in and out of Europe undetected.

Authorities have not detailed Abaaoud's exact whereabouts in the days leading up to or actions during the deadly rampage that killed 129 people and injured hundreds of others last week at cafes,

a rock concert and the national stadium.

Three police officials have told The Associated Press that a woman who died in the police raid Wednesday was Abaaoud's cousin. One said the woman, Hasna Aitboulahcen, is believed to have detonated a suicide vest in the building after a brief conversation with police officers. It was not clear if she had any role in the attacks.

The official confirmed an audio recording, punctuated by gunshots, in which an officer asks: "Where is your boyfriend?" and she responds angrily: "He's not my boyfriend!" Then loud bangs are heard.

The bodies recovered in the raid were badly mangled, with part of Aitboulahcen's spine landing on a police car, slowing down the identification process, according to one of the officials.

The three all spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not permitted to divulge details of the investigation.

French police launched the operation after receiving information from tapped phone calls, surveillance and tipoffs suggesting that Abaaoud was holed up in the apartment. Eight people were arrested in the raid.

"We can't cry 'victory over terrorism'," said Michel Thooris, secretary-general for the France Police labor union. "The situation is far more complex than one bad guy."

"It's a good thing, but we don't think the entire network has been taken down," he said. Cazeneuve said Thursday that Abaaoud was believed to be behind four of six attacks thwarted since spring by French authorities, including a planned April attack on a church in the Parisian suburb of Villejuif that was foiled when the would-be attacker shot himself in the foot and another on a high-speed train where three young Americans tackled a heavily armed man. □

## Attacks in Tel Aviv, West Bank, leave 5 dead

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**JERUSALEM (AP)** — A pair of stabbing and shooting attacks carried out by Palestinians killed five people Thursday — three Israelis, a Palestinian and an American — in one of the deadliest days yet in a two month-long outburst of Israeli-Palestinian violence. The attacks are part of wave of violence that erupted in mid-September over tensions surrounding a Jerusalem holy site sacred to both Jews and Muslims. Palestinians accuse Israel of plotting to take over the hilltop compound known to Jews as the Temple Mount and to Muslims at the Noble Sanctuary — something Israel vehemently denies.

The Palestinians say the violence is rooted in frustration at decades of living

under Israeli occupation. Israel accuses Palestinian leaders of inciting the unrest.

The violence was initially confined to Jerusalem and gradually spread deeper into Israel, the West Bank and the Gaza Strip.

In Thursday's first attack, a knife-wielding man stabbed and killed two Israelis as several of them gathered for afternoon prayers on the second floor of an office building in the Israeli commercial center of Tel Aviv. Shimon Vaknin, a witness, told reporters he saw a bloodied man stumble into the room where he prayed with companions.

"He was all slashed and bloody. We were in shock," Vaknin said. "We didn't know what happened and then someone near the door shouted: 'there's a terrorist.'"

He described a dramatic standoff, with worshippers standing against the closed shop door as the assailant tried to force his way in. Israeli media showed footage of a blood-spattered floor littered with plastic gloves.

Police spokeswoman Luba Samri said the attacker was apprehended by onlookers. She identified him as Raed Khalil bin Mahmoud, a 36-year-old Palestinian father of five from the West Bank village of Dura, near the West Bank city of Hebron, a frequent flash-point for violence. Hours later, a Palestinian motorist opened fire on a line of cars stuck in traffic in Gush Etzion, an area south of Jerusalem in the West Bank. The Israeli military said he then intentionally rammed his vehicle into a group of pedestrians. □



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## Robinson to retire as North Ireland head in early 2016

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**Associated Press**

**DUBLIN (AP)** — The Protestant leader of Northern Ireland's power-sharing government, Peter Robinson, says he will retire from politics now that his coalition with Irish Catholic leaders

has been restored to a firm foundation.

His decision opens the way for the British territory to get its first home-grown female leader.

The 66-year-old leader of the Democratic Unionist Party, which represents the

British Protestant majority, said in an interview published Thursday he plans to step down early next year as first minister of the regional government and as Democratic Unionist leader. He has held both positions since 2008.

Speaking in advance of the Democratic Unionists' annual conference this weekend, Robinson said he was ready to hand the reins of power to other party figures before a new Northern Ireland Assembly is elected in mid-2016.

"I think it would be disrespectful to the party membership if I was to go through a conference with the pretense that I would be leading the party into the next election," Robinson was quoted as telling the Belfast Telegraph. □

## European nations shut their borders to economic migrants

**DUSAN STOJANOVIC**  
**Associated Press**

**BELGRADE, Serbia (AP)** — Most nations along Europe's refugee corridor abruptly shut their borders Thursday to those not coming from war-torn countries such as Syria, Afghanistan or Iraq, leaving thousands desperately seeking a better life in the continent stranded at Balkan border crossings. The overnight decision triggered the domino effect that both asylum-seekers and European nations had feared given the record number of people fleeing to Europe this year, and reflected new worries about possible militants coming in with the refugees.

Macedonia, Serbia, Croatia and Slovenia weren't allowing in so-called economic migrants whose countries aren't shattered by war. To cross, asylum-seekers needed to display identity documents to prove that they are from Syria, Afghanistan or Iraq — which many of them could not, even if they did come from those states.

"We're extremely worried about the latest developments and fear that people will be stranded without any assistance, shelter and food just as winter sets in," said Stephane Moissaigne, the Doctors Without Borders head in Serbia.

"It is not acceptable that people who want to seek asylum are being segre-



**Migrants and refugees walk towards the border with Serbia, while other migrants, who were not allowed to cross into Serbia, lie on the ground awaiting for a solution, near the village of Tabanovce, in northern Macedonia, Thursday, Nov. 19, 2015.**  
 (AP Photo/Boris Grdanoski)

gated by nationalities," Moissaigne added. "The right to ask for asylum is universal and cannot be connected to certain na-

tionalities." In the Greek village of Idomeni at the border with Macedonia, police said the border was es-

entially shut down to all since Thursday morning. Some 3,000 people were waiting at a camp nearby that provides temporary shelter for those heading north through the Balkans. About 500 people from Iran, Morocco and Algeria gathered on the border between Greece and Macedonia to protest the closure. As a result, nobody else from the nationalities that Macedonia is letting through — Syrians, Afghans or Iraqis — were able to cross. Dariush Yazdani, 25, from Tehran, said he was determined to reach Germany and faced imprisonment were he to return to Iran. "I will never go back," he said. □

## Greece's left-wing majority cut after austerity vote

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**Associated Press**

**ATHENS, Greece (AP)** — Greece's left-wing government saw its majority cut to just three seats in parliament on Thursday following dissent over an austerity vote. Lawmakers voted 153-137 to loosen rules in a mortgage protection scheme and impose new fees and taxes, including higher duties on wine. But one deputy was expelled from the ruling left-

wing Syriza party's parliamentary group and another from its rightist coalition partner after both defied their parties.

The result leaves Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras with just 153 seats in the 300-member parliament, two months after his victory in a general election. Eurozone bailout lenders had demanded the new measures in exchange for the next loan payout to Greece as well as a planned bank rescue — totaling 12 billion euros

(\$12.9 billion). New mortgage rules were needed to return Greek banks to health, Economy Minister Giorgos Stathakis argued. "We have a record amount for non-performing loans, around 40 percent, while in the rest of Europe the average is about 5-7 percent. We have to reduce that number," he told parliament. Tsipras, 41 and his Syriza party were first elected in January pledging to scrap austerity measures imple-

mented since Greece's its first bailout in 2010. He was re-elected in September, despite a split in his party after he broke key pledges to keep Greece in the eurozone and avoid bankruptcy. Before Thursday's vote, former government spokesman Gabriel Sakellaris gave up his seat in parliament to protest the austerity measures. Tsipras now faces more major hurdles in coming weeks, with a drastic overhaul planned for the

country's troubled pension system. And he can no longer count on support from pro-European opposition parties, which had insisted he avoid calling the early election in September. "I'd like to see how you'll sleep at night when the first home owner loses his house," conservative opposition leader Evangelos Meimarakis told government lawmakers. "Mr. Tsipras promised to protect primary homes. It was a lie to get people to vote for him." □



## Argentines weigh Kirchner policies, state role in vote



Opposition presidential candidate Mauricio Macri, right, and Daniel Scioli, the ruling party presidential candidate embraces each other on stage at the end of the debate in Buenos Aires, Argentina. Macri will face Scioli in a Nov. 22 runoff.

**PETER PRENGAMAN**

**Associated Press**

**BUENOS AIRES, Argentina**

**(AP)** — From the tables of Buenos Aires pizza parlors to the fields of this South American nation's farmlands, Argentines are intensely debating a question they must answer during Sunday's presidential runoff election: How large a role should the government play in their lives?

At the center of the debate is the contentious legacy of outgoing President Cristina Fernandez and "Kirchnerismo," the political movement aligned with the poor that she created with her late husband and predecessor, Nestor Kirchner. During 12 years in power, the power couple rewrote Argentina's social contract, gaining both impassioned followers and fierce

**(AP Photo/Natasha Pisarenko)**

critics. They designed programs for the poor, nationalized the YPF oil company, raised tariffs on imports to protect and develop local economies and passed laws to aid the elderly, handicapped people, gays and lesbians other groups on the margins. In 2010, Argentina became the first Latin American nation to legalize gay marriage.

Fernandez's chosen successor, Daniel Scioli, presents himself as the continuation of such policies — he calls them "the national project" — while promising to make fixes where necessary. Opposition candidate Mauricio Macri promises to maintain a safety net for the poor but says he will overhaul the economy to address inflation estimated around 30 percent and a byzantine monetary system that has spawned a booming black market.

"The big question is the degree to which voters feel comfortable with continuity with a twist versus complete change," said Jason Marczak, deputy director of the Atlantic Council's Adrienne Arsht Latin America Center.

That's a weighty proposition in a nation where most people are old enough to remember the 2001-2002 financial melt-down, when Argentina defaulted on \$100 billion in debt and millions of people were plunged into poverty. If last month's first electoral round is an indication, Argentines are mulling their options. □

## Mexico arrests an alleged leader of Jalisco cartel

**MEXICO CITY (AP)** — Mexico's federal police have arrested a principle operator of a drug cartel in western Jalisco state that is the country's fastest growing international criminal organization, its commissioner said Wednesday.

Ivan Cazarin Molina, 31, also known as Victor Hugo Delgado Renteria, was detained early Wednesday after a six-month intelligence operation, said Commissioner Enrique Galindo. Cazarin was arrested with three others accused of drug trafficking, extortion, petroleum thefts and homicide, Galindo said, adding that Cazarin operated in the states of Jalisco and Veracruz.

He is also being investigated for his "probable" involvement in a fierce cartel attack on Mexican forces in Jalisco May 1 that brought down an army helicopter.

The men were surprised by federal forces in the early morning in a town south of Guadalajara while they were drinking and playing soccer, Galindo said. They also confiscated five large-caliber weapons, four vehicles and a bag of powder resembling cocaine.

Though Galindo didn't name the group, Jalisco is home to the Jalisco Cartel New Generation. He said Cazarin reported directly to cartel leaders.

In just a few years, New Generation has grown from being an offshoot of the Sinaloa cartel to one of Mexico's strongest criminal groups, according to the U.S. Treasury Department, whose Office of Foreign Assets Control maintains a "black list" of drug trafficking organizations. □

## Venezuela:

## Maduro orders review of US relations over spying

**JORGE RUEDA**

**Associated Press**

**CARACAS, Venezuela (AP)**

— President Nicolas Maduro said he'll file a formal protest and review relations with Washington following a report of U.S. spying on Venezuela's state oil company, including intercepting the calls and emails of ex-Oil Minister Rafael

Ramirez.

Maduro cited a report published Wednesday by the news outlet "The Intercept" based on a March 2011 article in an internal U.S. National Security Agency newsletter it said was obtained by leaker Edward Snowden.

Maduro said on national television that he was or-

dering an investigation and that U.S. charge d'affaires Lee McClenny would be called in to file a formal protest. The U.S. and Venezuela have not had ambassadors in each others capitals since 2010.

"I have ordered our foreign minister to begin an integral review of our relation with the U.S. government,"

said Maduro, a fierce critic of U.S. foreign policy.

Telesur, a regional television network financed by Venezuela, said it obtained a copy of the NSA document, which purportedly shows that U.S. intelligence spied on internal communications of the state oil company PDVSA all the way up to Ramirez. □

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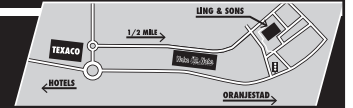


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## Many in Haiti suspect fraud in recent election, poll finds

**BEN FOX**

**Associated Press**

**MIAMI (AP)** — A poll by an independent research group has found deep public suspicion of the first round of the presidential election in Haiti, a finding that is likely to fuel calls by opposition parties for a recount of the disputed results.

Teams of researchers with the Brazil-based Igarape Institute conducted exit polls on the day of the Oct. 25 election and followed up with the same voters again after preliminary results were announced on Nov. 5. They found that public confidence in the process had plummeted between the two dates, according to an analysis they planned to release Thursday.

In the election exit poll, 82 percent of voters agreed with the statement "As far as I can see, this election is fair, there is no fraud." But in the follow up, the conclusion was almost the opposite with nearly 90 percent saying they disagreed with the statement.

The poll also came up with a curious result when voters were asked who they voted for among the 54 names on the ballot. Just over 6 percent said they voted for government-backed candidate Jovenel Moise, placing him fourth. But preliminary results announced Nov. 5 said he came in first with nearly 33 percent of the vote, putting him in a runoff with second-place finisher Jude Celestin.

It is not unusual for exit polls to vary from actual vote counts and this study does not prove the preliminary results announced by the Provisional Electoral Council are inaccurate, said Robert Muggah, research director of the institute. But he believes it does suggest

a need for further scrutiny. "At a minimum, it raises some questions about people's perceptions about the credibility of the results," Muggah said in a phone interview from Rio de Janeiro.

The electoral council has not released final results and has so far rejected calls by opposition leaders for a recount.

The runoff is scheduled for Dec. 27. It is expected to feature Moise, a businessman who has never held political office and was picked as a successor by President Michel Martelly, against Celestin, a former head of the state-owned construction company who was defeated in the disputed presidential election in 2010.

Opposition supporters have staged repeated protests over the results since Nov. 5 as they demand a recount. Several thousand marched in the capital Wednesday until they were dispersed by police firing tear gas and rubber bullets.

Martelly's party has denied opposition accusations that it manipulated the voting or the ballot count and has dismissed calls for a recount.

An observer mission from the Organization of American States noted some "irregularities," but concluded that the preliminary results appeared to be in line with what they saw on election day.

The Igarape exit poll found about 4 percent of voters witnessed what they considered fraud, which included officials improperly turning away voters, people voting multiple times or casting ballots as a proxy for other voters. Incidents of fraud were witnessed by research team members at 12 polling stations. □



Haiti presidential candidate Moise Jean Charles rides horseback with a man dressed as Haitian independence hero Jean Jacques Dessalines, during a protest march against the results of the Oct. 25 elections, on the Battle of Vertières' anniversary, in Port-au-Prince, Haiti.

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## Defiant Parisians embrace food, wine and friends

JILL LAWLESS

Associated Press

**PARIS (AP)** — In France, a glass of wine is many things: one of life's small pleasures, a civilized complement to food, a source of national pride. Now, it's also a symbol of defiance.

As vintners release this year's batch of Beaujolais Nouveau in the shadow of last week's Paris attacks, "To the bistro!" has replaced "To the barricades!" as France's rallying cry.

"What would our country be without its cafes?" asked President Francois Hollande, telling his compatriots that life must be "resumed in full" after the Nov. 13 gun and bomb rampage by jihadi militants. The attacks, which killed 129 people and injured more than 350, have left France in shock. They overshadowed Thursday's Beaujolais Nouveau Day, when winemakers uncork their latest batch of the fruity young wine, and bars and restaurants hold special tasting sessions.

Jean Bourjade of the wine producers' body Inter Beaujolais said the group considered scrapping some of the promotional events after the attacks. But it was decided that the wine should flow, because "it is the French culture, it is the French way of life, which has been put in jeopardy."

Many Parisians are determined to raise a glass — even those who consider Beaujolais Nouveau's popularity a product of savvy marketing rather than quality.

"The Beaujolais isn't good wine. But everyone will go out on purpose tonight," said 63-year-old Lucienne Tavera, sitting with two friends on a cafe terrace near the Bataclan concert hall, where the deadliest of the attacks unfolded.

"Tonight, we won't care how it tastes."

Her resolve is echoed across the patch of eastern Paris where the attacks took place — the 11th arrondissement and the neighboring Canal Saint-Martin area in the 10th.

When the Islamic State group took responsibility for the attacks, it called Paris "the capital of prostitution and obscenity."

The militants did not hit the city's high-profile tourist attractions, gleaming buildings and neighborhoods of freshly washed streets. They chose an eclectic, slightly

"bobos."

On that unusually warm November evening last week, gunmen rampaged through the area, firing automatic weapons at packed bars and cafes and storming the Bataclan concert hall during a performance by the U.S. band Eagles of Death Metal.

"It's beyond comprehension that this is the same place in which this evil last Friday was unleashed.

"I feel like can never set my foot in there again. It's the end of an era."

Many others share the fear that things will never be the same.

On the weekend after the



**A man walks past a bar advertising for the Beaujolais Nouveau in Paris, France, Thursday, Nov. 19, 2015. People across France are raising a glass of wine in an act of defiance after the deadly attacks on Paris. The third Thursday in November is "Beaujolais Day."**

(AP Photo/Jacques Brinon)

scruffy area where destination restaurants, hip bars, art galleries and designer boutiques sit alongside corner stores, kebab shops and bakeries.

It's also a place where a mosque, a church and a Jewish school occupy the same few blocks — a diversity that many residents treasure.

"There are Jews, Muslims, young people, old people in this neighborhood. It's a family," said 28-year-old Charlotte Pagnoux. "This is the heart of Paris, the soul of Paris. This is why they came here. They struck at the heart of Paris."

It's also an area — like parts of Brooklyn or east London — that first has grown edgy and then affluent.

The district's longstanding working-class residents have been joined over the decades by immigrants from North Africa, young creative types and — as social cachet and property prices rose — by well-off "bourgeois bohemians" or

Eighty-nine people died at the Bataclan, and 40 elsewhere.

By choosing this area, the attackers hit at the city's young and bohemian heart.

The roll call of the dead shows that most victims were in their 20s and 30s, and many worked in the media and creative professions: as architects, artists, journalists, designers and musicians.

The Bataclan is a place that generations of Parisians have associated with fun. Built in the 19th century in an ebullient Chinese-influenced style, it has hosted musicians from Maurice Chevalier to Iron Maiden. It's also famous for its club nights, including long-established, lively gay parties on weekends.

"I have so many glittery memories on Saturday night — laughing with friends, dancing with drag queens," said Stephane Le Breton, a marketing consultant and Bataclan regular.

attacks, restaurant business plunged 80 percent, according to France's hotel and restaurant union. Tables filled up again through the week, as Parisians heeded the call to go out, popularized on social media with the slogan "Tous au bistro!" — "Everyone to the bistro!"

"This is what we do to make things go back to normal," said Frederic Hoffmann, who runs a creperie down the street from one of the stricken bars and had spent several hours shuttered inside amid the attacks. "We open the restaurant. We get people together, to try to talk and make some sense out of it."

For the past six days, people in the area have talked about little else. Normal life will resume, but locals worry that once the mounds of flowers, candles and tributes outside the attack sites are gone, the landscape of their neighborhood will have irrevocably changed. □

## Stadiums on red alert as European football resumes

JEROME PUGMIRE

AP Sports Writer

**PARIS (AP)** — Fear and trepidation, rather than excitement and thrills, may grip fans when Europe's domestic soccer leagues resume this weekend in the wake of deadly terror attacks in Paris.

Real Madrid against Barcelona would normally be hailed as a tantalizing encounter featuring the world's best attacking talent; while in Turin, Juventus vs. AC Milan is usually a much-talked about clash between Italy's two most storied sides.

Instead, these matches crystalize fears surrounding the weekend's games, with security around stadiums at a maximum in exceptionally somber circumstances.

"You have a bit more of a question of security because it looks like it's not the end of it, in France especially," said Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger, who is French.

But cities, not just teams and stadiums, will be on red alert amid fears of fresh attacks. Instead of being festive, the atmosphere is likely to be watchful. Intense rivalries, such as Spain's clasico, fade in significance, as does whether Barcelona star Lionel Messi returns from injury to face Madrid archrival Cristiano Ronaldo.

Italy goalkeeper Salvatore Sirigu, who plays for Paris Saint-Germain, lost two friends in the attacks that killed 129 and summed up the anxious mood.

"It's an attack on our way of lives," Sirigu said. "The fear concerns all of us, not just those of us who have to return to Paris."

Fans have a far greater civic duty than usual. Everyone will be asked to be on their best behavior for fear of causing panic and confusion in others, so flares and pyrotechnic displays — a spectacular sight at many Italian games among their largely self-governing tifosi — are not welcome. □





## The Aruba Timeshare Association “Adopts” EPB Schools



**--The Aruba Timeshare Association reaches out to the island's Basic Vocational Schools.**

**HATO** – The Aruba Timeshare Association (ATSA), recently embarked on a project involving EPB Hato and EPB San Nicolaas, the island's Basic Vocational schools. The Association hosted EPB's freshmen students at twelve of Aruba's timeshare Resorts for the day, offering an informative

half-day of orientation, and interactive fun. In total, approximately 250 students and their mentors spent the time taking a close look at the workings of the hotel industry, by physically touring all hotel departments. ATSA President and hotelier Andy Osbourne explains that ATSA's intentions was to secure placements for the students, as many of them are currently doing their internships at the hotels, and will then go on to be fully employed post-

graduation. This positive collaboration between the vocational schools and the future employers is viewed by ATSA as a positive and desired partnership. The Association also wished to showcase various aspects of the local hotel industry sharing various career paths available and types of jobs that can be pursued in the industry, ranging from Food to Beverage, Administration, Secretarial positions, Maintenance, Security, Landscaping, Housekeeping, Front Desk, Sales, and IT, just to name a few! Hospitality, the dynamic, people-oriented industry, the main economic pillar of this island, allows many successful young people to pursue excellent careers and to serve as role models for the next generation. In inviting the students, ATSA was also interested in creating a constant, qualified workforce, preparing the next wave of managers, for their role as future leaders. The challenges of qualified labor recruitment is well publicized here, Os-



bourne states, therefore, exposing the industry to interested students at a formative age serves to create more openings for future employment. In view of the fact that there was much discussion lately with regards to creative implementation of labor market adjustments, schools should become more in-

tune with the needs of the work community and ATSA feels very strongly that flexibility in the labor laws would create additional opportunities for these youngsters, jump starting their careers, now. Based on the overall experience gained from this first effort, future events will surely be planned. □





## Aruba Living:

# A Moment in Time With Xavier University Student Rehmen Anjum

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**ORANJESTAD** - As small as our little island may be, Aruba still has a vast majority of international people on our island, either permanently living or temporarily for bettering their careers, education or family reasons. Making us diverse in many ways.

Since 2004, Aruba has been home to Xavier University. This university that strangely enough, not many locals know much about, is home to various international students that come and live here for quite some time. It brings in students from Jordan, Syria, United States, Canada and many more. It offers students a pre-med

and also a full term medical school education at a better price than they can get than in the states. It is noticeable that not many locals attend this school, but primarily international students. There are however, some locals who do attend and get the opportunity to also meet people from around the world by just being on our island. Something that most students here get the opportunity to do only when they leave the island to attend a further education in Europe or United States.

With that in mind, we had the opportunity to speak to Rehmen Anjum (31) who is born and raised in Las Vegas, Nevada. Coming

from a family of doctors he knew this is the direction he wanted to take, and so decided to apply for medical schools.

He got a call back from Xavier University offering him a spot in their program. From one day to another he was basically on Aruba, in the middle of the Caribbean and in a class full of international students from around the world, but he found his way around and adjusted well to the island life, as well as complementing our island in being an "easy" transition for him he says. He also added with an upbeat spirit, "The adjustment wasn't so bad, just some minor adjustments that anyone can get used



**Rehmen Anjum, 31 years old Xavier University Medical Student.**

to, lovely beaches that I haven't had enough time to enjoy (yet), and also the locals being friendly and very helpful to me". One important necessity he says that anyone moving to the island needs is: a car. Although the school does offer transportation, to and from school, if you really want to get to know the island the most effective way is having your own transportation. He is successfully finishing his studies this year to eventually continue on his career path. But to him Aruba has been a part of that journey, to take with him into his future. It is quite noticeable that Xavier University offers students a place for evolving and a lot of learning, edu-

cationally and as well as. Students who have gone through hardship in their countries are blessed with a better opportunity that they get to come here, on an island we call home, but to others maybe a safe haven. Each student has their story, their sacrifice as to why they chose to be here, or simply ended up here. In that aspect Aruba has prospered that we openly welcome international people worldwide and will continue to do so in the hopes of helping them work on a better future when their home cannot do so for them. Diversity can be something beautiful and we hope to keep welcoming more students from around the world. □

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## Lawyers: NFL concussion deal excludes central brain injury

MARYCLAIRE DALE  
Associated Press

**PHILADELPHIA (AP)** — Former players appealing the NFL's \$1 billion plan to address concussion-linked injuries asked a court on Thursday to reject the settlement because it excludes what they call the signature brain disease of football.

Critics insist that any deal include future payments for chronic traumatic encephalopathy, the brain decay found in dozens of former players after their deaths.

"CTE was the soundpiece of the original (lawsuit)," lawyer Steven F. Molo argued before the 3rd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. "It is a fundamental issue in the case. It is mentioned 14 times."

The settlement would resolve thousands of lawsuits and cover more than 20,000 NFL retirees for the next 65 years. The league estimates that 6,000 former players, or nearly three in 10, could develop Alzheimer's disease or moderate dementia.

They would receive an average of \$190,000, although the awards could reach several million dollars in the most serious cases, which include young men with Parkinson's disease or Lou Gehrig's disease.

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## RISING SUN

**Bulls blot out Suns, 103-97**

Phoenix Suns center Alex Len (21) dunks against the Chicago Bulls during the first half of an NBA basketball game Wednesday, Nov. 18, 2015, in Phoenix.  
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## Arrieta wins NL Cy Young Award; Keuchel earns AL honor



In this Wednesday, Oct. 7, 2015 file photo, Chicago Cubs starting pitcher Jake Arrieta throws against the Pittsburgh Pirates in the first inning of the National League wild card baseball game in Pittsburgh. **Associated Press**

**BEN WALKER**

**AP Baseball Writer**

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Jake Arrieta of the Chicago Cubs beat Dodgers stars Zack Greinke and Clayton Kershaw for the National League Cy Young pitching award while Houston lefty Dallas Keuchel won the American League honor Wednesday.

In what was expected to be a tighter three-person race, Arrieta got 17 first-place votes for 169 points from members of the Baseball Writers' Association of America. Greinke drew 10 first-place votes and had 147 points. Kershaw had the other three firsts and 101 points. Arrieta led the majors in

wins, going 22-6. He went 11-0 in his last 12 starts, pushing the Cubs into the playoffs for the first time since 2008. The 29-year-old righty had a 1.77 ERA, struck out 236 and pitched a no-hitter. Arrieta was the first Cubs pitcher to win the honor since Greg Maddux in 1992.



In this Tuesday, Aug. 25, 2015 file photo, Houston Astros starting pitcher Dallas Keuchel delivers during the second inning of a baseball game against the New York Yankees at Yankee Stadium in New York. **Associated Press**

The Cubs won a major postseason award for the third straight day. Kris Bryant was the NL Rookie of the Year and Joe Maddon was the NL Manager of the Year.

The MVP awards will be announced Thursday.

Greinke posted a 1.66 ERA that was the lowest in the majors since Maddux in 1995. Greinke went 19-3, fanned 200 and had a scoreless streak of 45 2-3 innings.

Kershaw had won three of the previous four NL Cy Youngs. He struck out 301, the most in the majors since 2002, and went 16-7 with a 2.13 ERA for the NL West champions.

Keuchel got 22 first-place votes for 186 points. David Price drew eight first-place

votes and 143 points for his split season with Detroit and Toronto and Oakland's Sonny Gray finished third.

Keuchel led the AL in wins, going 20-8 and helping Houston reach the playoffs for the first time since 2005. The bearded 27-year-old with a dominant sinker and sharp slider had a 2.48 ERA and 216 strikeouts.

Price went 18-5 with a 2.45 ERA and 225 strikeouts. Traded from Detroit to Toronto in late July, he was a key reason the Blue Jays made their first playoff appearance since 1993.

Keuchel became the first Houston pitcher to win the Cy Young since Roger Clemens in 2004, and the first do it since the Astros joined the AL. □



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## Harden, Rockets pull out OT win after firing McHale

**The Associated Press**

**HOUSTON (AP)** — James Harden scored 45 points, including all nine for Houston in overtime, as the Rockets beat the Portland Trail Blazers 108-103 on Wednesday after firing coach Kevin McHale earlier in the day.

Corey Brewer made an off-balance 3-pointer to force overtime and Harden took over from there, finishing with 11 assists, eight rebounds and five steals as the Rockets capped an emotional day at the Toyota Center.

It almost ended with a fifth straight loss before Brewer made his shot with 0.9 seconds remaining in regulation to tie the game at 99. Just hours after McHale was fired, the Rockets played much of the game with sloppy mistakes and dreadful shooting. Interim coach J.B. Bickerstaff, son of longtime NBA coach Bernie Bickerstaff, served in his first game as head coach.

The Blazers dropped their seventh straight, their worst losing streak since closing 2012-13 on a 13-game skid. Damian Lillard led Portland with 23 points.

Houston snapped its longest skid since the 2012-13 season. Dwight Howard hauled in 19 rebounds, and Trevor Ariza had 18 points.

**SPURS 109, NUGGETS 98**

**SAN ANTONIO (AP)** — Tony Parker scored a season-high 25 points as the San Antonio never trailed in beating Denver for its sixth

straight victory.

Kawhi Leonard added 20 points, Tim Duncan had 12 and LaMarcus Aldridge 11 for the Spurs, undefeated at home after five games. Patty Mills was 3 for 6 on 3-pointers in scoring a season-high 17 points.

Denver rookie Nikola Jokic had 23 points off the bench, and Gary Harris added 15.

The Spurs were without Manu Ginobili, who will miss the next two games with bilateral hip tightness.

**MAVERICKS 106, CELTICS 102**

**BOSTON (AP)** — Dirk Nowitzki scored 23 points and Wesley Matthews had 18 as Dallas erased an 18-point, first-half deficit to defeat Boston for its fifth consecutive win.

Zaza Pachulia had 14 points and 12 rebounds for the Mavericks. Deron Williams added 16 points, including consecutive key baskets.

Isaiah Thomas led Boston with 19 points. Jared Sullinger had 18 points and 12 rebounds, and Avery Bradley scored 18 as the Celtics had a three-game winning streak snapped.

Dallas trailed 89-82 with just under 8 minutes to play before going on a 14-2 run over the ensuing 5:04.

The Celtics closed to 104-102 and had a chance to tie or take the lead, but Raymond Felton stole the ball from Thomas in the closing seconds.

**PACERS 112, 76ERS 85**

**PHILADELPHIA (AP)** — Paul

George scored 34 points and C.J. Miles added 20 to lead Indiana to a rout of winless Philadelphia.

T.J. McConnell scored 16 points for Philadelphia, which dropped to 0-12 while setting a season high with 31 turnovers.

The 76ers are within five losses of matching last season's franchise-worst start and six defeats from tying the NBA record, set by the 2009 Nets, for longest losing streak to begin a season. Philadelphia opens a six-game road trip on Friday in Charlotte.

It was the 76ers' 22nd loss in a row dating to last season, four from equaling the NBA record they already share with Cleveland.

George, who has scored at least 26 points in eight straight games, finished 13 for 24 from the field and 5 for 10 from 3-point range.

**BULLS 103, SUNS 97**

**PHOENIX (AP)** — Jimmy Butler scored a season-high 32 points as Chicago beat Phoenix for its fourth victory in a row.

Pau Gasol added 17 points and eight rebounds, Kirk Hinrich scored 14 and former Phoenix guard Aar-



Houston Rockets' James Harden shoots a three-point shot over Portland Trail Blazers' Allen Crabbe (23) in overtime of an NBA basketball game Wednesday, Nov. 18, 2015, in Houston. The Rockets won 108-103.

**Associated Press**

on Brooks had 12 points as Chicago ended the Suns' three-game winning streak.

Bulls guard Derrick Rose sat out with a sore left ankle. Butler's 3-pointer with 1:08 to play gave Chicago a 99-92 lead, and he followed it up with a dunk

with 9.2 seconds left. Brandon Knight paced Phoenix with 23 points.

**HAWKS 103, KINGS 97**

**ATLANTA (AP)** — Paul Millsap scored 23 points, including a running one-hander with 15.7 seconds remaining as Atlanta held off Sacramento. □



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## Kisner leads at Sea Island as Love & Son finish even

**DOUG FERGUSON**

**AP Golf Writer**

**ST. SIMONS ISLAND, Ga.**

**(AP)** — Davis Love III and Davis Love IV did everything together Thursday at Sea Island.

They have the same pre-shot routine, a full practice swing before setting up over the ball. Both hit 3-wood off the tee and made birdie on the opening hole. Both wound up with an even-par 70 on the Seaside Course. And both have a lot of work to make up ground on Kevin Kisner.

Kisner hit 3-wood to about 25 feet on the fringe and made eagle on his penultimate hole on the Plantation Course for a 7-under 65, giving him a one-shot lead based on par after the first round of the RSM Classic.

Jeff Overton, David Hearn and Tom Hoge each had a 6-under 64 on the Seaside Course.

The biggest crowd — which wasn't much on a day when storms threatened but never arrived — filled the bleachers behind the first tee to see some familiar faces.

Love, the 21-time winner on the PGA Tour, has lived at Sea Island since he was 13. They saw his son, known as Dru, go from a toddler with a plastic club to a 6-foot-5 junior at Alabama who earned a spot in the RSM Classic through a qualifier for the final exemption.

Nerves?

Those belonged mainly to dad.

"I was a little flustered," Love said. "I was running late and nervous for him,



**Davis Love III, right, watches his drive from the second tee, while his son Davis Love IV, left, looks on during the first round at the RSM Classic golf tournament, Thursday, Nov 19, 2015, in St. Simons Island, Ga.**

and then he hit it right down the middle and hit it stiff and made birdie. And I stopped worrying about him and started worrying about me a little more."

Neither made many birdies on a soft, calm and cloudy day that was ideal for low scoring — 110 players in the 156-man field broke par. Love's round went the wrong direction with a poor tee shot that led to double bogey on the 13th hole. Dru Love caught his dad with a big tee shot and a two-putt birdie on the par-5 15th. On the final hole, Love had a 10-foot birdie putt to finish 1 under and just missed it.

This wasn't a father-and-son competition — at least not to the father.

Asked his goal for Friday,

Dru Love smiled and said, "Beat my dad."

"I didn't beat him today," the son said. "Obviously, my goal is to make the cut. I've got that in the back of my head. I'll try to be more patient. After I birdied the first hole, my expectations were a little high. I've played this course a lot and I've played it well. So I think I thought I could play better than I did."

Making it easier for Dru Love was having Justin Thomas along for the ride. Thomas, who missed two short birdie putts at the end and had to settle for a 67, played two years with him at Alabama, and he made it feel like an old college match, even telling Dru Love, "Nice save, Bigfoot," after a nifty

up-and-down on the 16th. Dru Love has a size 13 shoe and has been called that since his freshman year at Alabama.

Kisner had done everything but win this year. He has lost in a playoff three times — to Jim Furyk at Hilton Head, to Rickie Fowler at The Players Championship and in a four-man playoff at The Greenbrier Classic — and he was runner-up at the HSBC Champions in Shanghai two weeks ago.

"I haven't been disappointed in any stretch of golf coming down the stretch to have a chance. I always rate myself on that," Kisner said. "I've just gotten beaten a few times, so hopefully I'll have a chance coming down

with a couple-shot lead on Sunday."

It is rare for fathers and sons to play together on the PGA Tour. Craig Stadler and son Kevin played in the 2014 Masters. Jay Haas has played numerous times with son Bill, a six-time tour winner. Jack Nicklaus played his final full season in 2000 when son Gary earned his tour card.

Love is curious to see if his son can develop into a PGA Tour player.

"I hope that he's another one of these kids that come out here and is chasing me off," Love said. "I hit a really good drive at 15 and I think Dru was 20 (yards) by me and Justin was 40 by me. I was like, 'Oh, they're going to run me off eventually.'

It's fun to watch Dru play. ... I was proud of him. Heck of a first day.

"With everything going on around our family and him getting in this tournament and all the attention, I thought he handled it really well and played a good round of golf."

Dru Love conceded to having a few nerves, too, though it helped to be with Thomas, and to know "just about everyone in the stands behind us everyone in fairway."

And it helped to have his father along for the ride.

"We talked about normal stuff, mostly about what we're going to have for lunch and dinner," Dru Love said. "He's good at leaving me alone when I need to be left alone. He tried to treat me like he would anyone else out there." □

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### NHL Capsules

## Hossa scores in overtime to lift Blackhawks 4-3

The Associated Press

EDMONTON, Alberta (AP)

— Marian Hossa scored 1:08 into overtime, and Artemi Panarin had a goal and two assists as the Chicago Blackhawks beat the Edmonton Oilers 4-3 on Wednesday for their third consecutive victory. Patrick Kane had two assists and extended his point streak to 14 games but had his goal streak ended at seven. He leads the NHL with 13 goals and 30 points.

Hossa turned a long pass from Brent Seabrook into a breakaway and beat Anders Nilsson with a slap shot from in close.

Panarin, a 24-year-old rookie, has points in six straight games, amassing five goals and five assists in that time while on a line with Kane and Artem Anisimov.

Duncan Keith and Andrew Shaw also scored for the Blackhawks. Corey Crawford made 34 saves.

Benoit Pouliot, Jordan Eberle and Leon Draisaitl scored, Teddy Purcell had two assists and Edmonton lost its third straight.

Draisaitl tied it with 2:46 remaining off a feed from Taylor Hall.

**CAPITALS 2, RED WINGS 1, OT**

DETROIT (AP) — Evgeny Kuznetsov scored 45 seconds into overtime to lift Washington over Detroit.

Alex Ovechkin was held without a goal for the fourth straight game and remained tied with Ser-

gei Fedorov for the NHL's career lead among Russian players. Justin Williams scored for the Caps on a first-period power play after Dylan Larkin had opened the scoring for Detroit.

Braden Holtby had 25 saves for Washington, including two stops on clean breakaways during regulation.

Kuznetsov won it with his sixth goal of the season, skating in on Petr Mrazek from the right wing and beating the Detroit goalie to the far post.

**JETS 4, CANUCKS 1**

WINNIPEG, Manitoba (AP) — Mark Scheifele and Drew Stafford each had two goals and an assist as Winnipeg ended a six-game losing streak.

Mathieu Perreault had three assists and Ondrej Pavelec made 29 saves for the Jets.

Stafford put Winnipeg up 1-1 late in the second period with his first goal in 12 games. He scored again with 1:34 left in the game into an empty net.

Winnipeg was outscored 27-10 during its skid and had allowed 5.25 goals per game over its past four.

Ryan Miller stopped 30 shots and the Canucks lost their fourth game in a row. This was the last in a seven-game trip — Vancouver's longest this season.

Daniel Sedin scored on the power play for Vancouver 6:44 into the second period. □



Detroit Red Wings center Riley Sheahan (15) skates through Washington Capitals defenseman Taylor Chorney (4) and Jay Beagle (83) in the second period of an NHL hockey game, Wednesday, Nov. 18, 2015 in Detroit. Associated Press



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# Federer beats Nishikori in 3 sets at ATP finals

MATTIAS KAREN

AP Sports Writer

**LONDON (AP)** — Roger Federer made sure Kei Nishikori's ATP finals ended early. His own beard might be sticking around a bit longer. Federer made up for his own mistakes in a see-saw match to earn his third straight victory at the season-ending tournament on Thursday, beating Nishikori 7-5, 4-6, 6-4 to secure top spot in his group and eliminate the Japanese player. After the match he faced more questions about his weeklong stubble than about the struggles with his serve that saw him broken five times. Will it stay as long as he keeps winning?

"If it itches too much, I'll take it off," Federer said. "If my girls can't stand it, I'll take it off. If I look in the mirror and I don't like it, I'll take it off. Maybe I'll think of Santa and keep it. It's around the corner. I don't know yet."

As for his wife, Mirka, "she's fine with it."

"I mean, she's OK, I guess," he added. "I do take decisions by myself sometimes." Federer broke for a 3-1 lead in all three sets but Nishikori came back each time, taking advantage of some



Roger Federer of Switzerland plays a return to Kei Nishikori of Japan during their singles tennis match at the ATP World Tour Finals at the O2 Arena in London, Thursday, Nov. 19, 2015.

Associated Press

rare mishits by the Swiss star along the way. But Nishikori finally ran out of comebacks as Federer earned his sixth break of the match in the last game, clinching the win with a smash at London's O2 Arena.

Federer finished the group stage 3-0 while Nishikori was eliminated with a 1-2 record.

Top-ranked Novak Djokovic played Tomas Berdych in

the late match needing to win just a set to advance.

While Federer had already advanced to the semifinals, there was no let-up in the third set even as Nishikori kept finding ways of getting back into the match.

"It's just another match, a really important one for me, to move on with a good feeling," Federer said. "There's (ranking) points on the line and prestige, wanting to beat Kei, winning at

the O2. I want to do well here."

Federer had a mini-slump in the first set as Nishikori broke twice to take a 4-3 lead but earned a second break right back after the Japanese player missed two straight forehands. Nishikori had a chance to force a tiebreaker at 6-5 but Federer saved a game point with a backhand passing shot after one of the best exchanges of the match.

Nishikori then hit two shots into the net to hand Federer the set.

The Swiss star, who beat both Berdych and Djokovic in straight sets, looked headed for another routine victory when he hit a backhand return winner to go 3-1 up in the second. But Nishikori broke back and Federer then handed him another game point when he badly mishit an easy forehand volley at the net at 4-4.

"I don't know why but I returned really well," Nishikori said. "That's why (I was) able to break a lot of times."

Federer then dug himself out of a 0-40 hole in the third game of the decider before breaking for another 3-1 lead. He wasted that one as well as Nishikori pulled level at 4-4, but it was the Japanese player who made the final key mistake.

Serving to stay in the match, Nishikori double-faulted at 40-30 and then missed a forehand long to hand Federer match point. Federer finished emphatically, jumping up to hammer home a forehand smash. □

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The lead negotiators, in response to the criticism, said former players might otherwise have gotten nothing because the NFL had pushed for the complaints to be thrown out of court and sent to arbitration. And the science behind CTE is in its early stages; the damage cannot currently be diagnosed in the living. "The science could determine that all that matters for CTE is the concussive hits you took before your 18th birthday," lawyer Paul Clement, a former U.S. solicitor general, argued Thursday for the NFL. The settlement grants up to \$4 million for prior deaths involving CTE, but it set an April 2015 cutoff date to avoid incentivizing suicides.

The list of former players who have killed themselves

and been diagnosed with CTE includes Hall of Fame center Mike Webster of Pittsburgh; Pro Bowler Junior Seau of San Diego; and Ray Easterling of Atlanta, a named plaintiff in a 2011 concussion lawsuit before his death the following year.

Senior U.S. District Court Judge Anita B. Brody steered the parties to mediation and approved the settlement in April, after persuading the NFL to remove a \$765 million cap so the fund doesn't run out. The settlement also sets aside money for baseline testing, education and research. Some of the approximately 90 objectors complain that it compensates only a few neurological conditions, and not the depression and mood disorders they link to concussions and CTE.

That led Circuit Judge

Thomas M. Hardiman to ask if the settlement should be "watered down by every field goal kicker who's depressed?"

The lead plaintiff lawyers who negotiated with the NFL argue that time is of the essence for people like former Philadelphia Eagle Kevin Turner, who is battling Lou Gehrig's disease, a fatal neuromuscular disease. However, their critics note that they stand to collect up to \$112 million in fees if the deal goes through.

"They didn't even go after the memos in NFL headquarters about what they knew about CTE and when," lawyer Deepak Gupta argued Thursday for the appellants, complaining that the case was settled before much evidence was exchanged.

The three-judge panel is expected to rule early next year. □



In this Wednesday, June 25, 2014, file photo, former NFL football player Kevin Turner, right, who suffers from Lou Gehrig's disease, listens during testimony before the Senate Special Committee on Aging hearing regarding concussions and the long term effects of brain related sports injuries in Washington.

Associated Press



# Gift Guide: Gadgets that make your wrist smarter

ANICK JESDANUN

AP Technology Writer  
SCHENECTADY, N.Y. (AP) —

If you're looking for a device to track your fitness, alert you to incoming messages and occasionally let you buy stuff with a scan or a tap, there's no shortage of computerized wristwatches to choose from.

Over the past several months, I've tested numerous smartwatches for iPhones and Android devices, along with fitness trackers that have some smarts. I've even worn six watches at once during three marathons over the past month, courting both ridicule and some lousy times. (I'm blaming the extra weight.)

Smartwatches and fitness trackers are relatively early devices with a lot of growing up still to do. Temper your expectations, and you might be pleasantly surprised. Just don't go in expecting magic, because that's a recipe for disappointment.

Your options will vary depending on whether you use an iPhone or Android, as most of these watches require a companion phone for their smarts. There are also big differences between all-in-one smartwatches and simpler gadgets that primarily track fitness.

## SMARTWATCHES FOR ANDROID:



This Tuesday, Sept. 1, 2015, photo shows Samsung's Gear S2 smartwatch during a presentation in New York. Associated Press

— Samsung's Gear S2 (starts at \$300)  
Samsung smartwatches

have improved tremendously. Instead of swiping through screen after screen, you now rotate the watch's circular outer ring to select apps or view notifications. The watch faces can display information ranging from stock quotes and headlines to sports scores. I tracked some Mets games that way, though the watch doesn't guarantee a win.

The main shortcoming: limited apps. The Gear S2 works with Android phones but doesn't run Android apps, putting it in a kind of limbo. A few apps from big-name partners like Yelp, The Wall Street Journal and Nokia's Here (for maps) are available, and Uber is coming soon. But most apps I looked for weren't there.

As for exercise, the watch mostly tracks footsteps and heart rate. Its mileage calculation is way off unless you're also carrying a phone with GPS. Alternatively, you could consider the Gear model with both GPS and 3G data for about \$50 more, plus an additional \$5 or \$10 a month for the data plan.

The Gear S2 works with most Android phones, though some features specifically require a Samsung phone.



This photo provided Asus Computer International by shows the Asus's ZenWatch. Several companies make smartwatches that run Google's Android Wear software.

Associated Press

— Android Wear (starts at

\$129)

Several companies make smartwatches that run Google's Android Wear software. I tried the cheapest, Asus's ZenWatch 2, as a starting point. You can pay more for better bands, features such as built-in GPS or sheer luxury — right up to \$1,500 for a model Tag Heuer developed with Intel and Google.

Android Wear has also gotten better. One swipe gets you apps, with recently used ones on top. Swipe again for contacts and again for common tasks. The screen can stay on without draining the battery, something rare in a smartwatch. App selection has also improved; many apps available for the Apple Watch now have Android Wear versions.

Sony's GPS-enabled SmartWatch 3 worked well for me while running, but other non-GPS devices, including the ZenWatch, were more frustrating. The main health app, Google Fit, doesn't let you start or stop workouts manually, with or without GPS. It relies on automatic detection and accused me of walking parts of my marathons, even though I didn't (really!). Several apps offer manual controls, but require built-in GPS or a phone, which can be a pain to carry on a run.

You need an Android phone for full functionality. Android Wear works with the iPhone, but it's handicapped. You don't get turn-by-turn navigation on the watch, for instance, as I learned the hard way driving to Toronto with a Moto 360.

## SMARTWATCHES FOR IPHONES:



In this Sept. 9, 2014 file photo, the new Apple Watch is modeled during a media event in Cupertino, Calif.

Associated Press

— Apple Watch (starts at \$349)

Android Wear will work, but Apple Watch is the one you need for full functionality. Apple put a lot of thought into it, with the inclusion of a lefties mode and a passcode in case you leave it on a bathroom sink somewhere.

Apple Watch stands out in fitness. Although the watch doesn't have GPS, it learns your walking and running patterns when you have the phone with you, so it's more accurate than other non-GPS watches when you leave the phone at home.

Apple's smartwatch doesn't just count steps. Instead, it challenges — or nags — you to exercise at least 30 minutes a day and to take 12 walk breaks throughout the day. For a perfect score, you also need to burn a certain number of calories — determined by your age, sex, weight and fitness level. With rival devices, I meet my default goals easily. With Apple Watch, even an eight-mile morning run isn't enough. Bring on the challenge!

Apple Watch lacks advanced features found in sport-specific devices. I rely on a Garmin running watch during workouts, but Apple Watch nudges me the rest of the day.

Battery life isn't as good as Samsung and many Android Wear devices, though I made it through the recent marathons with plenty to spare by turning off the heart-rate monitor.

## FITNESS FOCUSED, FOR IPHONE, ANDROID OR WINDOWS:



The Microsoft Band 2 is displayed, Tuesday, Nov. 10, 2015 in New York. Associated Press



This photo provided by Fitbit, Inc., shows the Fitbit Surge, among the few fitness trackers with built-in GPS and heart-rate monitors. Under normal use, the Surge's battery life lasts up to a week.

Associated Press

— Microsoft Band 2 and Fitbit Surge (\$250 each)

These are among the few fitness trackers with built-in GPS and heart-rate monitors. Don't confuse the Surge with cheaper Fitbit models, which mostly track footsteps.

The Surge and the Band are limited smartwatches that can, for instance, notify you of new texts or calls. The Band also offers news headlines and a few apps from the likes of Starbucks and Facebook.

But the Band's battery life doesn't cut it for heavy exercise. I outlasted the Band for all three 26.2-mile races. Even turning off the screen didn't keep it from dying before the finish, in one case just a third of a mile short. By contrast, the Surge lasted each race with plenty of charge to spare. Under normal use, the Surge lasts up to a week.

Both are solid fitness companions — at least for shorter workouts, in the case of the Band. But neither is a replacement for a sport-specific device. □





## US stocks edge lower, led down by health care sector

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U.S. stocks closed slightly lower Thursday after spending much of the day wavering between small gains and losses.

Several companies reported earnings and outlooks that offered a mixed picture of the economy for investors.

Health care stocks were among the biggest decliners, dragged down after UnitedHealth Group cut its full-year earnings forecast. The nation's largest health insurer also raised doubts about whether it will continue to participate in a key piece of the Affordable Care Act.

Traders felt a bit better about payments company Square and online dating site operator Match Group. Both soared on their first day of trading.

In the absence of major economic news, investors honed in on the uneven company earnings and outlooks.

"That's why we are largely without a lot of vigor in either direction today," said Eric Wiegand, senior portfolio manager at U.S. Bank Wealth Management.

All told, the Dow Jones industrial average fell 4.41 points, or 0.02 percent, to 17,732.75. The Standard & Poor's 500 index slipped 2.34 points, or 0.1 percent, to 2,081.24. The Nasdaq composite lost 1.56 points, or 0.03 percent, to 5,073.64. Stocks got off to a plodding start early Thursday, spending much of the

morning hovering close to the levels from a day earlier, when the S&P 500 index posted its biggest gain in

stock slipped 66 cents to \$30.67.

UnitedHealth Group fell 5.6 percent after it cut its 2015

the year.

"UnitedHealth kind of sent shivers through the stock market a little bit," said



**Traders David O'Day, left, and Benedict Willis work on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange. U.S. stocks closed slightly lower Thursday after spending much of the day wavering between small gains and losses.**  
(AP Photo/Richard Drew)

four weeks.

The Labor Department's latest weekly tally of unemployment benefit applications provided some good, if expected, insight into the job market. Applications for unemployment aid dropped last week to a seasonally adjusted 271,000. The four-week average, a less volatile measure, increased 3,000 to 270,750.

Beyond that, investors focused on the latest string of company earnings.

Best Buy dropped 2.1 percent after releasing disappointing sales and a cautious outlook for the holiday shopping season. The

earnings forecast and said it would pull back on the marketing of its exchange business a few weeks after open enrollment for that coverage began nationwide.

The insurer also said that it will decide in the first half of next year to what extent it can continue to serve the public health insurance exchange markets in 2017. The stock lost \$6.62 to \$110.63. Tenet Healthcare also slumped, sliding \$2.65, or 8 percent, to \$30.40.

Health care stocks fell the most among the 10 sectors in the S&P 500 index, sliding 1.6 percent. The sector remains up 3.4 percent for

Chris Gaffney, president at EverBank World Markets.

Other companies turned in more encouraging results. Single-serve coffee brewing systems maker Keurig Green Mountain and customer-management software developer Salesforce.com each rose sharply after reporting better-than-expected earnings and revenue. Keurig vaulted \$7.38, or 18.2 percent, to \$47.88. Salesforce.com climbed \$3.29, or 4.3 percent, to \$80.64.

Traders also bid up shares in J.M. Smucker, which delivered earnings that beat Wall Street's expectations. The food products compa-

## IPO WATCH

### Square rockets in its first day as public company

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Square, the 6-year-old startup known for its white, cube-shaped credit and debit card readers that plug into smartphones, surged in its first day as a publicly traded company. A 45 percent spike caught almost everyone off guard after the company priced its stock at \$9, well below what had been expected late Wednesday. The jump in value put the stock above the original \$11 to \$13 range set last week. That markdown this week was seen as a concession by the company, headed by Twitter co-founder Jack Dorsey, that investors are becoming wary of once-hot startups that haven't proven they can make money. Another startup, The Match Group, also jumped in its first day of trading, rising almost 13 percent. Square gained \$4 to reach \$13 in midday trading. □

### Wall Street feels the chemistry as Match shares fly

**NEW YORK (AP)** — The owner of Tinder, Match.com and OKCupid is having a great first date with Wall Street. Shares of Match Group Inc. got a boost on their first day of trading, rising \$2.17, or 18 percent, to \$14.17 Thursday afternoon. The company had priced its IPO at \$12, near the low end of its expected range. It sold about 33.3 million shares. They trade under the symbol MTCH on the Nasdaq market. The Dallas-based company has 50 brands using 40 languages around the world, and about 59 million active monthly users. It has been profitable and had \$1 billion in revenue over the 12 months that ended June 30. Parent company IAC/InterActiveCorp will maintain majority control of Match.com after the offering. □

## Intel rises on revenue forecast, dividend boost

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Intel stock climbed Thursday after the chipmaker said it expects its revenue to grow again next year and raised its quarterly dividend.

Shares of Intel Corp. advanced \$1.22, or 3.7 percent, to \$34.38. They are on pace for their biggest gain since late August, when the market was bouncing back from a deep slump. Intel was the biggest gainer among Dow Jones industrial average stocks.

Intel said it expects its annual revenue to rise by a percentage in the mid-single digits. That's similar to analyst projections and it represents an improvement from 2015, as Intel expects its revenue to fall about 1 percent this year. The company also said it will boost its capital spending to \$10 billion next year, far above its estimate of \$7.3 billion in 2015. That estimate includes \$1.5 billion in spending on memory

products. The Santa Clara, California, company plans to raise its quarterly dividend to 26 cents from 24 cents. Intel's business has struggled because consumers and companies are buying fewer of its PCs and more smartphones and tablets that use chips made by Intel's competitors. But recently the company has enjoyed more success with chips that it makes for bigger computers that run in corporate

data centers and "cloud computing" operations. While Intel's third-quarter profit and revenue slipped, the results were stronger than expected.

Intel is currently forecasting \$55.31 billion in revenue in 2015. If that holds up, it would be the second time in three years that its annual revenue has fallen.

According to FactSet, analysts expect Intel's revenue to grow about 4 percent in 2016. □



# UnitedHealth cuts outlook, casts doubt on overhaul exchanges

**TOM MURPHY**

**AP Business Writer**

The nation's largest health insurer is questioning its future in public insurance exchanges, the latest signal of major concerns about the online marketplaces that have helped the Affordable Care Act extend coverage to millions of people.

UnitedHealth Group said Thursday that it will scale back marketing for plans it sells on the exchanges and decide next year whether it will even stay in that business in 2017. It also cut its 2015 earnings forecast.

The announcements come a few weeks after several smaller, nonprofit insurance cooperatives said they would stop selling coverage on the state-based exchanges.

Insurers are struggling to attract enough healthy customers into their still-new exchange coverage to balance sicker patients who signed up for coverage quicker because they use a lot of health care. Until that happens, the exchanges won't be a viable, long-term market for these companies, Morningstar analyst Vishnu Lekraj said.

"The market still needs to mature, he said. "That's the lesson here."

But the exchanges also aren't on the verge of collapse either. Enrollment for 2016 coverage started Nov. 1, and more than 1 million people signed up or renewed coverage for 2016 in the first two weeks of open enrollment, according to the Obama administration.

The average number of insurers participating in the exchanges has climbed to 10 per state, up from nine last year and eight for 2014, according to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

UnitedHealth rivals Aetna and Anthem — which reaffirmed its 2015 earnings forecast last week — both said last month that they still see potential in the business. Aetna CEO Mark Bertolini told analysts it was "way too early to

call it quits."

But UnitedHealth also endorsed its exchange business in October, when it said it would expand into 11 more exchanges next year after growing from four to 24 in 2015. Chief Financial Officer David Wichmann told analysts then that the company expected its exchange business to be "strikingly better" in 2016 and that the exchanges will mature into a strong growth market.

Since then, the insurer says financial hits from that business have come into clearer focus. The insurer has been hurt in particular by customers who signed up for coverage outside the open enrollment window and use more health care in general than those who bought coverage during open enrollment.

UnitedHealth will book losses of \$275 million in the fourth quarter from its public insurance exchange business and expects a loss of \$200 million to \$225 million in 2016.

CEO Stephen Hemsley told investors Thursday that the



This photo shows a portion of The UnitedHealth Group Inc.'s campus in Minnetonka, Minn. UnitedHealth announced Thursday, Nov. 19, 2015, it is chopping its 2015 earnings forecast, citing hits it expects to take from new public insurance exchanges. (AP Photo/Jim Mone)

company doesn't intend to take further losses in 2017.

"We cannot sustain these losses," he said. "We can't really subsidize a marketplace that doesn't appear at the moment to be sustaining itself."

UnitedHealth covers around 500,000 people

through the public exchanges. That's a small slice of the insurer's total enrollment, which exceeds 46 million, and Hemsley emphasized Thursday that the company's overall business remains strong.

Still, its exchange losses have been deep enough to force the company to

cut a forecast it had already raised twice this year. UnitedHealth now expects 2015 earnings of about \$6 per share, down from its previous forecast for \$6.25 to \$6.35 per share. Analysts expect, on average, earnings of \$6.31 per share, according to FactSet. □

## Best Buy reports weak 3Q sales, cautious outlook

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Best Buy shares plunged Thursday after reporting disappointing quarterly sales and a cautious outlook for the key holiday shopping season as it faces price pressures and tougher competition from online stores.

The electronics retailer said it expects "near flat" revenue in the fourth quarter — which includes key holiday shopping.

Its stock tumbled 5 percent in morning trading.

The Richfield, Minnesota-based company reported that its fiscal third-quarter profit rose 16.8 percent to \$125 million, or 36 cents per share. Earnings, adjusted for one-time gains and costs, came to 41 cents per share, surpassing Wall Street expectations. The average estimate of 14 analysts surveyed by Zacks Investment Research was for earnings of 35 cents per share.



This photo shows a Best Buy store in Philadelphia. Best Buy Co. shares plunged Thursday, Nov. 19, 2015, after reporting disappointing quarterly sales and a cautious outlook for the key holiday shopping season as it faces price pressures and tougher competition from online stores. (AP Photo/Matt Rourke)

But the company reported a 2.4 percent drop in revenue to \$8.82 billion, which fell short of Wall Street forecasts. Ten analysts surveyed by Zacks expected \$8.84 billion.

The company also reported disappointing same-store-sales growth of 0.5

percent. Analysts surveyed by FactSet expected a 1.2 percent increase in that closely-watched shopping metric.

Best Buy said growth in computing and appliance sales was offset by weak tablet, mobile phone and digital imaging device

sales. Also, the company saw a drop in service revenue. International revenue plunged on a mix of smaller operations in Canada and a stronger U.S. dollar. Despite the morning rout in the market, several analysts said the results are positive overall for the company, as it deals with a tough retail environment and continues to adapt. Stifel analyst David A. Schick, in a note to investors, called the reaction "a little overdone" and said the guidance includes investments in growth initiatives.

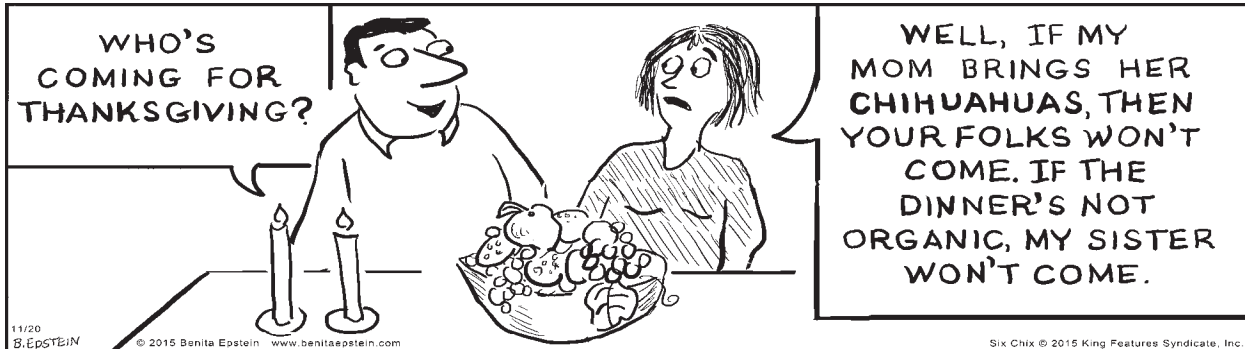
Best Buy Co. shares dropped \$1.58, or 5 percent, to \$29.75 in morning trading. Its shares have decreased 20 percent since the beginning of the year, while the Standard & Poor's 500 index has risen 1 percent. The stock has dropped 10 percent in the last 12 months. □



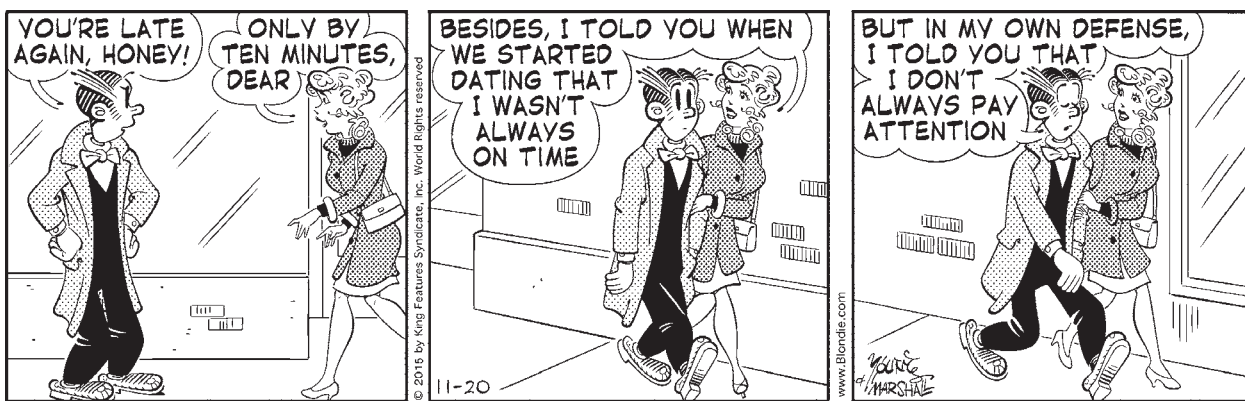
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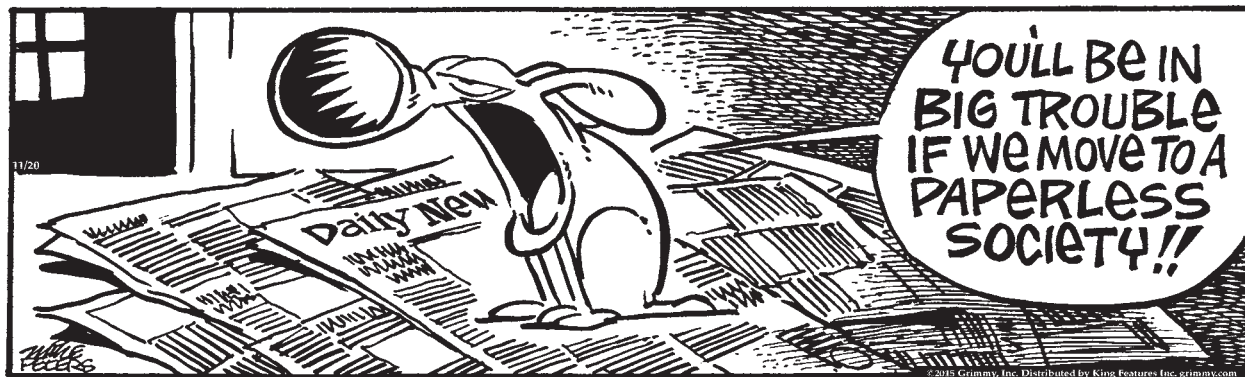
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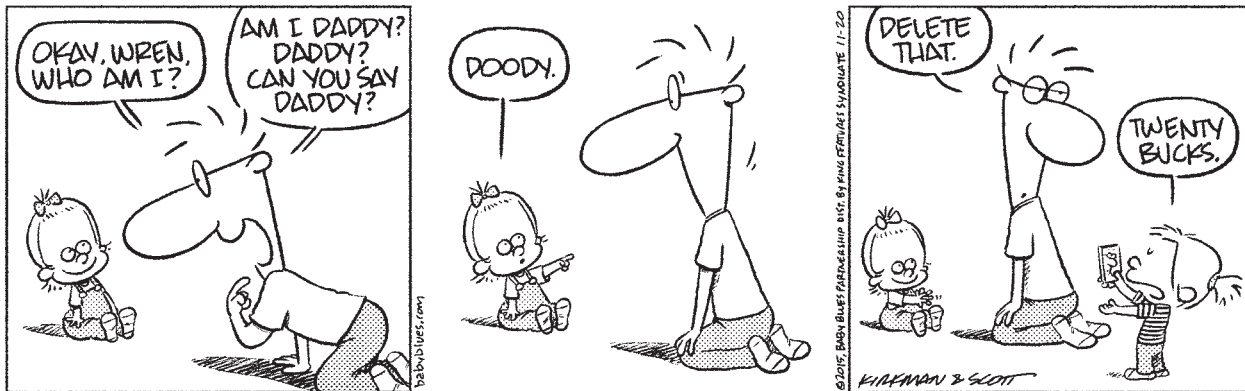
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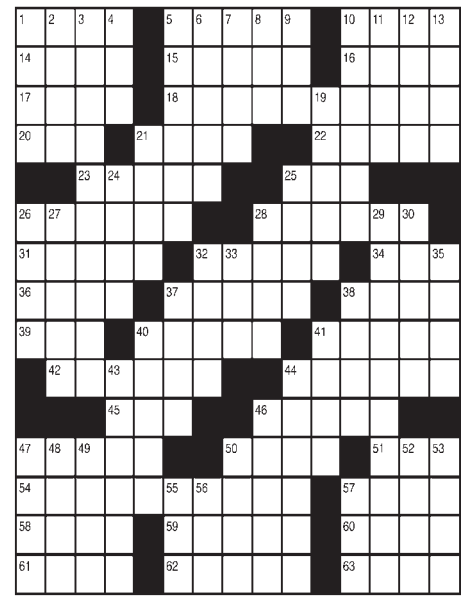
Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

Yesterday's puzzle answer

7	5	6	4	3	9	1	2	8
1	8	9	2	6	5	3	7	4
3	2	4	8	1	7	5	9	6
6	3	2	5	8	1	9	4	7
8	4	7	3	9	6	2	1	5
9	1	5	7	4	2	8	6	3
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- 1 Triangular sails  
5 Prank  
10 Word attached to head or back  
14 Toledo's state  
15 Prince Harry's late mum  
16 Cabbage dish  
17 James \_\_; 007  
18 Behead  
20 Mineral spring  
21 Get a \_\_ out of; find amusing  
22 Melodies  
23 Once and again  
25 Felix, for one  
26 Most bashful  
28 Washington's Mount St. \_\_  
31 Diving birds  
32 Chicago Tribune, e.g.  
34 Common conjunction  
36 Mom's sister  
37 Work of fiction  
38 Talk with God  
39 "...flowers that bloom in the spring, \_\_ la..."  
40 Fellows  
41 Ill-gotten gain  
42 Coat part  
44 More cautious  
45 Certain vote  
46 Disneyland attractions  
47 "Never the twain \_\_ meet"  
50 Very long times  
51 Miserable  
54 Like offenses for which there is a penalty  
57 Laundry soap brand  
58 Insurance co. employees  
59 Yellowish color  
60 As hairy \_\_ ape  
61 Take a break  
62 Impudent  
63 TV show award
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- 1 Occupations



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### Thursday's Puzzle Solved

2 Pancake house	EAR	RABBI	BEST
3 Like one with dual citizenship	OWES	OCEAN	EACH
4 Layer of turf	NEAT	CHASE	FRAU
5 Devotee	SLACKENED	ALMS	
6 Caroline, to Ted	RUES	ILL	
7 Small nail	SHOVED	NOBILITY	
8 __ dither; upset	PORES	FOALS	LEO
9 Head topper	RUGS	ALIKE	BIRD
10 Sharp-witted	ASA	AMASS	CEASE
11 Family reunion group	TENACITY	HANDEL	
12 Despire	DEC	MANE	
13 Rams' mates	SODA	ASCERTAIN	
19 Genoa's nation	AGOG	BEARD	TRIM
21 Smooch	URGE	LARGE	HONE
24 __ away; left	LESS	ELLEN	NET

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- 37 Shade of blue  
38 Untainted  
40 Lunch & dinner  
41 Boys  
43 \_\_ in; sign up to join  
44 Building near a vineyard  
46 Acting parts
- 47 Quarrel  
48 Gigantic  
49 Crawling bugs  
50 Subsidies  
52 Eve's husband  
53 Declare untrue  
55 \_\_ a bug; ails  
56 Doctors' org.  
57 Edison's initials



## 8 Syrian refugees turn selves in at the US-Mexico border

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SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Eight Syrian refugees turned themselves in to immigration authorities along the U.S.-Mexico border this week, officials said Thursday. Their arrival and uncertainty about their future in the United States comes at a time of political upheaval over Syrian refugees following the deadly Paris attacks.

Two families — two men, two women and four children — presented themselves Tuesday at the port of entry of the west Texas city of Laredo, the Department of Homeland Security said in a release. The men were taken to a U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement detention center in Pearsall, and the women and children to one in Dilley.

Republican Gov. Greg Abbott, who along with several other governors across the country recently ordered state officials to suspend entrance for Syrian refugees following last week's deadly attacks in Paris, tweeted a link Wednesday night to the conservative Breitbart News Network website, which reported that Syrians had been "caught" at the border. "THIS is why Texas is vigilant about Syrian refugees," the governor wrote. Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump followed suit Thursday with a tweet of his own: "ISIS, Maybe? I told you so. WE NEED A BIG & BEAUTIFUL WALL." Hundreds of thousands of people have fled Syria to escape the civil war, most of them to Europe. For Syrians with means, a lengthy trek to the U.S. border could provide another path to asylum. Between 2004 and 2013, some 1,449 Syrians were granted asylum in the United States, most in 2012 and 2013, and were not part of the 70,000 refugees from around the world that the U.S. accepts annually. □

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## Lab-grown vocal cords offer hope of treating voice disorders

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**AP Medical Writer**

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — From

a mother's comforting croon to a shout of warning, human voices are the main way people we communicate and one taken for granted unless something goes wrong. Now U.S. researchers have grown human vocal cords in the laboratory that appear capable of producing sound — in hopes of one day helping people with voice-robbing diseases or injuries. Millions of people suffer from voice impairments, usually the temporary kind such as laryngitis from a virus or a singer who overdoes the performing. But sometimes the vocal cords become too scarred and stiff to work properly, or even develop cancer and must be removed. There are few treatments for extensive damage.

Your voice depends on tiny but complex pieces of tissue that must be soft and flexible enough to vibrate as air moves over them — the way they make sound — but tough enough to survive banging together hundreds of times a second. Wednesday, researchers at the University of Wisconsin-Madison reported the first lab-grown replacement tissue that appears pretty close to the real thing — and that produced some sound when tested in voice boxes taken from animals. "There is no other tissue in the human body that is subject to these types of biomechanical demands," said Dr. Nathan Welham of the University of Wisconsin-Madison, who led the work published in *ScienceTranslational Medicine*. "This lends promise or hope to one day treating some



This photo provided by John Maniaci/UW Health, taken Nov. 16, 2015, shows Dr. Nathan Welham, right, visiting scientist Kohei Nishimoto, left, and associate scientist Changying Ling working in the Welham Lab at the Wisconsin Institute for Medical Research in Madison, Wis.

of the most severe voice problems that we face." The vocal cords, what scientists call "vocal folds," sit inside the larynx or voice box, near the Adam's apple in the neck. Welham's team started with some rare donations of vocal cords from four patients who had had their larynx removed for non-cancerous reasons, and from one deceased donor. The researchers culled two types of cells that made up most of the tissue, and grew a large supply of them.

Then they arranged the cells on 3-D collagen scaffolding, and the two cell types began mixing and growing. In 14 days, the result was tissue with the

shape and elasticity of human vocal cords, and with similar chemical properties. But could it work? To tell, the researchers turned to a technique that sounds, well, strange but is a staple in voice research. They took a larynx that had been removed from a large dog after its death and attached it to a plastic "windpipe" that blew in warm air to simulate breath.

A dog's voice box is pretty similar to a human's, Welham said. So the researchers cut out one of the native canine vocal folds and glued a piece of the new bioengineered tissue in its place.

Sure enough, the human tissue vibrated correctly and made sound — a buzz-

ing almost like a kazoo, the recordings show. It didn't sound like a voice because it takes all the resonating structures of the mouth, throat and nose to "give the human voice its richness and individuality, and make my voice sound recognizable to my loved ones and you to yours," Welham explained.

But that raw sound was essentially the same when the researchers tested the unaltered dog larynx and when they substituted the newly grown human tissue, suggesting the sound should be more normal if it were placed inside a body, Welham said.

Wouldn't the body reject tissue grown from someone

else's cells? Further study using mice engineered to have human immune systems suggested this bioengineered tissue may be tolerated much like corneal transplants, less rejection-prone than other body parts.

This is a first-stage study, and it will take far more research before the approach could be tested in people, cautioned Dr. Norman Hogikyan, a voice specialist at the University of Michigan, who wasn't involved in the new research. But "I was impressed," Hogikyan said. Growing replacement tissue "is an important step that's potentially useful in treating scarring from a wide range of reasons." □

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# Hello: Adele's '25' will give industry much-needed boom

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**NEW YORK (AP)** — Hello, it's Adele, and she's going to give the music industry a much-needed boost this year with "25."

The singer's hotly anticipated album is projected to sell over a million units in its debut week after it is released Friday, helping the ailing record business in the final quarter of the year.

"So far the fourth quarter numbers have been pretty tough," said David Bakula, Nielsen Entertainment's senior vice president of industry insights.

Bakula noted that Taylor Swift's "1989," which was released last October and sold more than 3 million albums in roughly two months last year, helped 2014 close on a strong note.

"We're down about 20 percent year-over-year because we are going up against that Taylor Swift record with nothing at this



In this Feb. 12, 2012 file photo, Adele performs during the 54th annual Grammy Awards in Los Angeles. The singer's hotly anticipated new album, "25," is out Friday, Nov. 20, 2015.

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point, but once the Adele record comes out, I don't think there's anybody that doesn't doubt that this thing can sell very comparably, if not a little better on a week-over-week basis than Taylor Swift did last year," he said.

Some insiders are predicting "25" will sell 1.5 million

units in its first week. And the album will easily become the top-selling release of 2015 (so far that title goes to "1989," which has sold 1.7 million units this year, and overall has moved 5.4 million albums).

"25" is the follow-up to 2011's "21," which has sold 11.23 million albums in the United States. As the anticipation builds for Adele's new album, "21" and the singer's 2008's debut, "19," are currently No. 24 and 66 on Billboard's 200 albums chart, respectively.

In just three weeks, the single "Hello" has sold 2.2 million tracks.

"Her manager played me a couple songs and it's very exciting to hear something of that quality doing that well. And at the same time, it's concerning that there aren't many more things of that quality," Apple Music executive Jimmy Iovine said in an interview. "She came in and did something pure, simple and just plain ole great, and that works. There's a lot of great artists in the world right now, but she set the bar as far as quality and commerciality."

Iovine added that part of Adele's success is because her sound is unique among those heavily played on the radio.

"A lot of people conform their records to fit a radio format because they're afraid they won't get played. This girl came in and just said, 'I'm doing

something great,'" he said. It's as if there isn't a format Adele doesn't qualify for: She appeals to those millions and millions of fans who have bought Susan Boyle and Michael Buble albums, but she also shares the same fans as Kanye West, One Direction and the Black Keys. And her songs have appeared on just about every Billboard chart, from adult contemporary to R&B to dance.

She hasn't sung in Spanish, but she's appeared on the Latin pop charts.

Nielsen's Bakula says "25" will get atypical music fans to stores and online to buy music, driving sales for Adele's albums and others. "This is bringing people out that don't typically buy music, and when you put that in the fourth quarter, a gift giving time ... I think you're just going to multiply (album sales)," he said. □

## Dancer Misty Copeland writing health-and-fitness book



In this Nov. 9, 2015 file photo, Misty Copeland attends the 25th annual Glamour Women of the Year Awards in New York.

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**NEW YORK (AP)** — Dancer Misty Copeland is working on a health-and-fitness book.

Grand Central Life & Style, an imprint of Grand Central Publishing, announced Thursday that Copeland's "Ballerina Body" is scheduled for 2017. Copeland, the first African-American woman to become the American Ballet Theatre's principal dancer,

is a member of President Barack Obama's Council on Fitness, Sports & Nutrition.

Copeland said in a statement issued by her publisher that she wanted to show "all athletes have to take care of themselves from the inside out."

Her previous books include the memoir "Life in Motion" and the picture book "Firebird." □

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# Decades of hosts return for 'GMA' anniversary

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**NEW YORK (AP)** — ABC's "Good Morning America" celebrated its 40th anniversary Thursday with a studio jammed with the men and women who hosted the wake-up broadcast through its long history. "Every one of your favorite faces from 'GMA' is back," host Robin Roberts told viewers at the top of the alumni-packed telecast. Starting with original hosts David Hartman and Nancy Dussault, producers cleverly moved through the hosts chronologically as they raised coffee mugs and looked into the camera with the show's signature greeting, "Good Morning, America!"

For many years the No. 2 morning show behind "Today" on NBC, "GMA" has been on top the past few years with current hosts Roberts and George Stephanopoulos, although its ratings have sagged a little this season.

The hosts reminisced about times good and bad. Hartman remembered taking a trip to the Soviet Union with the show in the waning days of the Cold War and returning home to kiss the driveway in front of his house.

Charles Gibson recalled how he felt going to work on Sept. 12, 2001, following the terrorist attacks, knowing it would be the most important broadcast of his career. Seated beside then co-anchor Diane Sawyer watching long-ago coverage of those dreadful attacks on a monitor, the pair, unseen by viewers, clasped each other's hands for support as their eyes welled.

Mostly, though, the show kept things light. A blooper reel revealed the viewers' vote for the show's funniest moment: when veteran host Joan Lunden showed a Vanna White doll where the dress had slipped a little too far down the plastic, with Gibson laughing as Lunden attempted a quick toy cover-up.

Kathie Lee Gifford, now a host on the rival "Today"



In this image released by ABC, from left, Joan Lunden, Spencer Christian, Phil Hartman, Sam Champion, Diane Sawyer, Robin Roberts and Charles Gibson appear on "Good Morning America," for a special 40th anniversary celebration, Thursday, Nov. 19, 2015 in New York.

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show, recalled her time on "GMA" during the 1980s, including meeting future husband Frank Gifford backstage.

"I'm walking down the hallway and I see the greatest pair of buns that I've ever seen in my life," she said about the late football star and broadcaster.

A long line of former news anchors, weather forecasters and medical reporters all joined in the party, sitting in director's chairs in the Times Square studio as cups of champagne awaited them for a post-broadcast toast.

And to make sure everyone knew it was a celebration, Pitbull was on hand performing his hit song "Don't Stop the Party."

"GMA" actually premiered on Nov. 3, 1975, as yet another morning show to challenge "Today," which, for 20 years before that, had vanquished all comers on both ABC and CBS.

Remarkably, "GMA" clicked with viewers.

Charter host Hartman premiered with "GMA" after a successful acting career that included 1970s dramas where he played a doctor (on "The Bold Ones") and a teacher ("Lucas Tanner"). Both

those series had a mission besides entertainment, he said — conveying useful information, which led to his segueing into medical documentaries and then an enthusiastic "yes" to ABC's offer to host a brand-new morning show.

"It was 10 hours a week, live, to try to get information to people that they could use in some constructive way in their lives," Hartman, now 80, recalled in an interview after the broadcast. "We did a very quiet program. We had quiet conversation. We didn't want to hit them over the head at 7 o'clock in the morning."

Hartman, who stayed with "GMA" until 1987, said he never missing acting: "My greatest comfort zone, working, was 'GMA,'" he said. □

## George Takei criticizes Virginia mayor on refugee stand



In this June 7, 2015 file photo, actor George Takei arrives at the 69th annual Tony Awards in New York.

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**AP Drama Writer**

**NEW YORK (AP)** — A Virginia mayor is facing criticism from "Star Trek" star George Takei after the politician cited the mass detention of Japanese-Americans during World War II in order to deny Syrian refugees the chance to resettle in the United States. Takei, who was one of 120,000 people of Asian descent put in internment camps in the wake of 1940s-era prejudice, took

issue with Roanoke Mayor David A. Bowers' grasp of history. The TV and stage star pointed out that Bowers was wrong to call those interred as "foreign nationals" since two-thirds were U.S. citizens. Also, he said there was never any proven incident of espionage or sabotage from the Japanese-Americans held.

"There was no threat. We loved America. We were decent, honest, hard-working folks. Tens of thousands of lives were ruined, over

nothing," Takei wrote on his Facebook page. Takei's personal story of the camps inspired the Broadway musical "Allegiance," in which he also stars. Bowers on Wednesday demanded that Syrian refugees not receive any government assistance and that it was "presently imprudent" to assist in their relocation. He then cited the internments during WWII, saying "it appears that the threat of harm to America from ISIS now is just as real and serious as that from our enemies then." In his post, Takei invited Bowers to come see "Allegiance" as his guest. "Perhaps you, too, will come away with more compassion and understanding," he wrote. Takei was 5 years old when soldiers marched onto his front porch with bayonets in May 1942 and ordered his entire family to leave their Los Angeles home. His school days began with him reciting "The Pledge of Allegiance," but he could see the barbed wire and sentry towers through his schoolroom window. □





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